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## A message from our Governor

Our Mayflower year has wound down and I expect a couple of relatively uneventful months as governor. My first big meeting is the General Board in Connecticut during the weekend after Labor Day. There will be committee meetings and training sessions as well as the regular board meeting. Your state board will meet again on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Our state society has had a very busy year. We began the year in October 2014 by looking at what we were and what we hoped to be. We have five colonies operating under the shell of our Ohio Society. None of the colonies are run the same way or have the same strengths. By working together, we are helping the individual colonies move in the directions they want to go. At our board meetings, we share ideas and help each other out as we can. For example, Toledo Colony has the best junior member program of our Ohio colonies. Other colonies can ask them for advice and it will be freely given. Columbus Colony recently rewrote their bylaws with the help of the Rules Committee. It was wonderful to see this major task accomplished for the colony and the good will and fellowship that went along with making this happen.

At this time, your Ohio Society has three major areas of concern; junior membership, membership, and our 20/20 celebration. We have a state committee for each. The junior membership committee is chaired by the governor because no one on the state board volunteered to take the position. There are 406 junior Ohio members assigned to one of five Ohio colonies. Columbus Colony still waits for someone to volunteer to be its junior membership person. Surely someone in Columbus colony can help?

Membership is the second committee we are focusing on. Does your colony routinely invite prospective members to events, give them encouragement etc. Are new members welcomed in any way? We now have a key membership person in place in each colony. However, talk to your Lt. Governor to see if you can help in some way. He or she would appreciate your interest.

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

### 2015 Annual Report

Six years ago when the state meeting was last in Toledo, we were celebrating Ohio member number 3,000. On May 14, 2015, we welcomed Ohio member number 3,333! Of our 333 new members in these six years, 287 have been initial applications, 29 Junior to Adult applications, 4 dual memberships, and 13 transfers to the Ohio Society. In that same period, we have also processed 114 supplemental applications, 15 reinstatements and 7 transfers out to other state Societies. This is a total of 469 completed applications, or an average of a bit over 78 per year!

This figure does not include all the applications that are currently in process that have been touched in the last six years. We currently have 110 active applications in process. We have approved another 258 preliminary applications for people who have not yet submitted applications and have made contact with another 240 people who have expressed interest, 9 of whom had their preliminary applications approved at the May Board of Assistants meeting!

During these six years, three wonderful members have served as Assistant Historian. Charlie Mays from the Columbus Colony took on the role when Kay Campbell resigned. David Grinnell who is also our state Treasurer took on the job next until he had to give it up for health reasons. Our current Assistant Historian is Lee Martin from the Western Reserve Colony. These three have done an incredible amount of work for our Society and I am very grateful for their service. I am looking forward to a long partnership with Lee as we work to welcome more members into the Ohio Society.

*Ann Gulbrausen, Historian*

### Name Game

Ah, yes – the name game. Growing up, I heard many names mentioned about people and never really thought of how they relate to me, if at all, until in my later years in the service. How many times do we remember a name and try to piece together the relationship? Many times names are recycled through the generations. With the advent of the internet, a plethora of names cascades off the webpages such as *Ancestry.com*, *Fold3*, *FamilySearch*, and others. Our job as genealogists is to sift through the names and generations to see where the people fit in our ancestral or correlative puzzle. Unfortunately, the above named websites, particularly *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch*, contain much bogus information.

As a “baby” genealogist I ordered Family Tree Maker 2005 software and I searched for my ancestor, William Barker and came up with several hundred thousand hits. By the time I finished merging trees, the poor man had 15 wives and several hundred kids. I knew he was born in the 1840s and had one wife. In extreme frustration, I deleted my great-great grandfather from existence (and yet, I’m still here) and started over. The story illustrates important points – start with yourself and work back, don’t rely on the internet for all information, and use a variety of records from the courts, libraries, historical societies plus other reputable sources.

In order to prove each event in our ancestors lives, each record must be cited and verified by cross-referencing with other records. What do I mean? For example, my ancestor William Barker entered into this world 6 January 1842, Millwood Township, Guernsey County, Ohio. The event is precise, but no birth records were kept in Ohio until the late 1860s. How can it be cross-referenced? Using a death certificate from the Ohio Department of Health or perhaps a probate record from the court. I obtained the death certificate that gives his birth date, trouble is the birth is secondary. I checked the probate court and there is no probate records for William.

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## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### New Members Elected 12/1/2014 -5/31/2015

#### Cincinnati Colony

OH 3303 Stephanie Smith, 13th from Stephen Hopkins  
 OH 3308 Carol Cole, 10th from Edward Doty  
 OH 3314 Diane Tichenor, 12th from John Tilley  
 OH 3321 Richard Sherwood, 13th from William Brewster  
 OH 3323 Nora Bushlow, 10th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland  
 OH 3326 Mary Hinesman, 11th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3332 Betty Johnson, 11th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3333 Emma Melchiorre, 11th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3331 Shaun Smith, 12th from Myles Standish

#### Cleveland Colony

OH 3301 LuAnne Speck, 13th from William Brewster  
 OH 3325 John Ruhl, 12th from Richard Warren  
 Junior to Adult OH 3309 Grace Latham, 14th from William Brewster  
 Junior to Adult OH 3310 Margaret Latham, 14th from William Brewster

#### Columbus Colony

OH 3300 Shannon Jordan, 12th from Myles Standish  
 OH 3302 Stephanie Girth, 13th from William Bradford  
 OH 3304 Michael Bellanca, 13th from Stephen Hopkins  
 OH 3306 Paula Murphy, 11th from John Alden  
 OH 3324 Betty Messmore, 11th from George Soule  
 OH 3322 Caroline Bradbury, 13th from John Howland  
 OH 3329 Betty Nuttle, 10th from George Soule  
 Junior to Adult OH 3311 Cody Malone, 13th from Richard Warren  
 Junior to adult OH 3318 Emily Lambert, 11th from George Soule

#### Toledo Colony

OH 3305 David Martin, 14th from William Brewster  
 OH 3316 Jessica Barrett, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3315 Michael Barrett, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3317 Monica Barrett, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 OH 3319 Kathleen Dowling, 11th from William Bradford  
 Junior to adult OH 3307 Sara Abraham, 13th from John Howland

#### Western Reserve Colony

OH 3312 Andra Riffle, 13th from Stephen Hopkins  
 OH 3320 Durene Worth, 15th from Richard Warren  
 OH 3328 Derek Worth, 16th from Richard Warren  
 OH 3327 Jamie Gilbertsen, 16th from Richard Warren  
 Junior to adult OH 3313 Franklin Simmons IV, 12th from George Soule  
 Junior to adult OH 3330 Grant Zaro, 13th from John Howland

### Supplemental Applications Approved

#### Cincinnati Colony

OH 3252 Michael Moose, 11th from Susanna White Winslow  
 OH 3138 Douglas van der Zee, 11th from Myles Standish

#### Columbus Colony

OH 3188 LaVonne Ayres, 12th from Thomas Rogers  
 OH 3188 LaVonne Ayres, 13th from Joseph Rogers  
 OH 3293 B Elizabeth Pessetto, 11th from Thomas Rogers

#### Western Reserve Colony

OH 2828 Louise Nelson, 10th from Joseph Rogers  
 OH 3283 Timothy Rodgers, 11th from John Alden

CONGRATULATIONS





## IN MEMORIAM



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

### Cleveland Colony

John Latham, 8/17/1934-5/19/2015, descendant of  
Hopkins, Brewster, Howland, Tilley, elected 5/8/1999

### Columbus Colony

Margaret Ciccone, 3/19/1929-3/22/2015, descendant of  
William White, elected 5/8/1999

Margaret Bernice Canaday, 2/17/1926-3/8/2015,  
descendant of Hopkins, Howland, Cooke, Tilley, Chilton, E.  
Fuller, Rogers, Samson, Bradford, elected 10/9/1993, State  
Treasurer 1999-2005

Margaret Haney, 3/31/1912-3/23/2015, descendant of  
Hopkins, Cooke, elected 10/24/1981

Betty Louise Nuttle, 5/1/1930 - 5/30/2015, descendant of  
George Soule, elected 5/9/2015

### Western Reserve Colony

Jacquelyn Foster, 1/28/1929-12/28/2014, descendant of  
William Bradford, elected 1/11/1997

James Fuller, 1/23/1939-4/9/2015, descendant of E. Fuller,  
Howland, Tilley, elected 4/24/2007

### Have you attended a naturalization ceremony?

The recent death of my friend Margaret Sumitra's husband, David, brought back many memories. David, Margaret and their daughter Grace were all born in India and came to the United States about 22 years ago. I met Margaret when I joined the adjunct teaching staff in the History Department at the University of Akron shortly after they came to America and Akron. I considered it a great compliment when Margaret asked me to attend their naturalization ceremony at the Inventor's Hall of Fame in Akron, a few blocks from the University. That was a first for me and I was impressed by how many of the about to be new U. S. citizens proudly and loudly recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The majority of the audience was foreign born or the American born children of many of those becoming citizens that day. Among the older U. S. citizens there that day, besides the judge who administered the oath of citizenship, were members of one of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapters from the Akron area who presented each new citizen with a copy of the U. S. Constitution and a small American flag.

If you have never attended a naturalization ceremony, you may go to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service at this link [www.uscis.gov/](http://www.uscis.gov/) for information about the nearest location and dates of upcoming naturalization ceremonies.

For the record, David Sumitra was born on 25 Apr 1941 in Mysore, British India and died on 15 January 2015 in Akron, Ohio. The Sumitras were Christians in a majority Hindi nation and came to America for the same reasons that many of our ancestors came here.

*E. Paul Morehouse, Jr.*

### The Volunteer

Down through the ages

On life's many pages

One thing stands out very clear

Whenever they're needed

For a cause that is pleaded

Is the ready-to-help Volunteer.

They respond by groups or by one

They work 'til the task is all done

They ask no special favor

They just simply savor

The feeling of good in their heart

The goal they had from the start.

*Anonymous*

## PHOTOS FROM THE STATE MEETING



Toledo Colony members Randy Currie , Donella and Elizabeth Wilt provided a program on colonial music on Friday evening.



Assistant Historian Lee Martin with Governor Sandy St. Martin



Don Williams & Don Burgess



Toledo Governor Susan Fisher with Scholarship Chair Mary Chase



John MacDonald, Assembly chair brings in the color guard



Welcomes from Sandy St. Martin and Susan Fisher



Surgeon Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad presenting on Electromagnetic Radiation then accepting the 50 year membership certificate for her mother Nancy Finley from Historian Ann Gulbransen.



Mary Chase presents scholarship awards to Joan Barrett (mother of Michael) and Paula Niederhauser (grandmother of Jacob)



Speaker Brian Dunnigan with Pastor John Robinson's book Justification of Separation from the Church of England

## OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Your Ohio Society has granted four scholarships this year to the winners of our annual contest. The first place winner was Michael John Barrett Jr (TOL). His winning essay is printed below. Second place went to Jacob Ferguson (TOL) who was also a winner last year. Third place was a tie between Mikayla Brown (TOL), also a winner last year, and Elizabeth Cheverine (CLE). Their essays will be printed in upcoming Buckeye Mayflower newsletters. Many thanks to our scholarship committee: Mary Chase (CLE), chair, Vicky Heineck (CLE), Betsie Goad (COL) and Dr. Janet Ebert (COL). Information on the 2016 scholarship will be in the December issue.

### **Thanksgiving Celebrations: Lincoln's appeal to the New American Covenant**

an analytical essay by,

**Michael John Barrett, Jr.**



*"The Pilgrims: a simple people, inspired by an ardent faith in God, a dauntless courage in danger, a boundless resourcefulness in the face of difficulties, an impregnable fortitude in adversity: thus, they have in some measure become the spiritual ancestors of all Americans."*

– Samuel Eliot Morrison, *Harvard Historian*

The *Thanksgiving Day* celebration in which millions of Americans now rejoice and revel and thus, take for granted, were not always so. The homogeneity of this quotidian national tradition, which is uniquely characterized as "American," and curiously observed by foreigners who, visit or study in this Yankee nation, has an unusual history and one worth learning. For in that learning, every American can

contemplate the tremendous sacrifices of a fallen American President, in the prime of his life, endeavoring to free the nation from crippling calamity that edged a peopled nation raised on the *Pilgrim Ethic* – almost to the brink of utter annihilation.

The Pilgrim Fathers, far from being a Calvinist religious sect consumed by their unwavering belief in the looming *Dies Irae* motivated by decades of sectarian strife in early-modern Europe, were unwitting accomplices to successful separation of Church and State. They were emergent humanists – a century before Locke, Voltaire, Rousseau or Kant. However, they set the stage for an Enlightenment-era despite being thwarted by the puritanical religious zealotry promulgated by the later arrivals in the pretext of the Winthrop fleets. A nascent word that held *potestas* within the Pilgrim elite and esteemed for its epistemological origins by noted scholars of constitutional law – the word *Covenant*, had no substitute in early-colonial history.

For the Pilgrims comprehended the Covenant as hence: "do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one another, *covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic*, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid." This familiar legalese from the Mayflower Compact engenders the Biblical aspects of the Covenant to bind men as equals to each other and thus, not just bind men to God. This rational leap in philosophical paradigm has no clear precedent in early-modern Europe. This, just three decades before ruthless King Charles I was executed by Parliament for his abuses against the English Common by invoking divine right before God to personal and tyrannical rule.

Prior to Lincoln's Presidential Proclamation of 3 October 1863 – a day which set the modern tradition of Thanksgiving, there were numerous celebratory manifestations of the Pilgrim Founders and their various feats. Known popularly as *Founder 's Day* celebrations, these were celebrated on various days and with customs according to the municipality which mandated them. The overall theme and purpose of Founder's Day was to exult in the early settlement spirit and to honor the Pilgrim Fathers and their struggle to tame a crude and unpeopled wilderness into the plantations of God-fearing civilized men. However, the nature of their commemorative fervor was amply different in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, than it is now. Revelries were diverse in the several towns and cities of the New England and

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Mid-Atlantic states and were grounded in the harvest festivals climaxing the summer season: adopted originally from Dutch & Germanic Oktoberfest festivals. The celebration of Thanksgiving Day didn't have the solemn and staid association known of today until after the Civil War of the American Republic.

On 27 March 1861, seven states walked out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session of the 36<sup>th</sup> Congress in Washington, D.C. Congressional records note that the assembly adjourned *sine die* (without day). *Sine die* refers to the circumstance in which there is no day set in the near future for the political body to reconvene. This day - *without day*, marked the Southern Succession and thus, opening salvo of the rebellion of southern states from the Republic of the United States. This action – although perceived as a strong display of protest by the southern states against what they alleged was New England hegemony, set off a cascade chain of events that even they were oblivious to. To explain simply: Congress, on that day, which operated under the full authority and mandate of the American People via the legal instrument of the Constitution, became a failed republic. With quorum lost by the sudden departure of southern representatives and senators, the U.S. was no longer effective under the 1787 Constitution. The United States, what later became known as the *Union*, was a de facto "failed state." The Confederate States of America, however, were inaugurated under the full authority vested by her people with a brand new Constitution. The Union, conversely, was in administrative crisis. President Lincoln executed an unthinkable action – he declared himself autocratic head of the military dictatorship acting in lieu of Congress. Lincoln was no longer "presiding over" the American Republic. Throughout the separatist crisis, Lincoln intuited that it was his duty to dispatch *with vigor* the extraordinary powers which the Constitution deputized him in cases of insurrection under the Lieber Code –which sanctioned the District of Columbia to incorporate all of the states comprising the Union.

However, Lincoln had no wish to rule in this way, but he believed that the South broke the *Covenant* – the Constitution, and in so doing, forced the hand of the Northern Union to re-unite a splinted federation. Lincoln – famous for stating that a "house divided cannot stand," was very well aware that the survivability of the United States *as a whole* was threatened to extinction if the dissident states weren't challenged. The American Nation couldn't permit having two federations and endure another generation without being invaded and dismembered by foreign interests and/or governments. What's more, Lincoln's resolve was so strong against foreign financial interests, that he issued Greenback Banknotes to fund the war and save the U.S. from crippling debt after the conflict. Most notably, Lincoln was cognizant of the fact that the *Constitutional Covenant* could not be broken by the South's selfish act of separation without challenge and consequence from the Union – so as to preserve and protect the *civil body politic*.

When Lincoln decreed the *Thanksgiving Day* holiday an official federal institution, he was essentially bolstering a *New Covenant* – a new tradition to secure this Covenant for future generations – thanks to our Pilgrim Ancestors, who are the *spiritual ancestors of all Americans*. After the War between States, the reunited American Republic became a new nation, reborn and reunified under a new resolve – a *New Compact*. Remembering the Pilgrims for their sacrifices and bereavements, this meant that the two sides (both North & South) were coming to the "table for dinner" – signifying the coming to terms with long lost relatives, whom have been neglected, have lost touch, or were at odds with. *Thanksgiving* is thus, about reunification despite doctrinal, philosophical, educational and/or financial differences between family, friends and neighbors.

*Thanksgiving Day* is assuredly about reunification of the American people at one dinner table, for one meal, just once a year. Unlike the jubilations of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving is a solemn, albeit unequivocally joyous time. It is a rite of American life, one that defines our unique history – our struggles with race, equality, fear and the nature of our individuality. Lincoln was clearly astute when he acknowledged "a house divided cannot stand." But, had he discoursed regarding the Pilgrims, he would have likely quipped, "a ship unsealed cannot float."

*Editor's Note: Mike is one of Ohio Mayflower's newest members. He is working on his Masters Degree in Aviation and received his pilot's license the same day as the notification of his scholarship award. He was the first place winner in this years competition.*



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Another way to cross-reference is to use the 1880 census. The 1880 census gives relationships and an approximate year of birth. Actually, the more censuses used the better, even if no relationships are stated. Land records can be used as well because of the transference of property, in addition to a marriage being written into the record. Tombstone photos in cemeteries will help.

With amassed records, cite all your sources so that if a person has a question, the sources can be consulted. Citations show that a person is serious about documenting ancestors using reliable, verifiable data and will show credibility of the researcher. Another caveat awaits the researcher – just because a person may have the same surname as yourself or the family you are working on, does not necessarily mean you are related. I have seen many lineage reviews with Whites and Warrens, along with others. When I check the first five generations to see if the line is good, I found the opposite to be true because there is no such child belonging to the couple or, perhaps, there is a child, but, the line does not continue. Check your sources and verify before proceeding to the next generation.

*Lee Martin, Assistant Historian, SMDOH*

In April, 2015, Julie Mayle, Manuscripts Assistant in the Genealogical Library of the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, OH, accepted the final four handwritten Membership Rosters of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio. The ledgers cover 1974-1994, 1994-2002, 2003-2010, and 2010-2012. Hayes already houses the Membership Rosters from 1898-1929, 1929-1941, 1941-1954, and 1954-1973. These valuable resources are available for research and are close to home for residents of north-western Ohio. Many records at Hayes are available on-line also.

Copies of all eight Membership Rosters are now stored also at the Ohio Genealogical Society in Bellville, OH, and in the Genealogical Section of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. From 2012 forward, membership records of the Ohio Society have been maintained/stored digitally, accessed through the State Historian.



The St. Mary's Community Public Library received a book "The Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee Edition" from former St. Marian Don Burgess (center) on April 9. Burgess who taught English and coached in St. Mary's, is a descendant of William Bradford, who came to America on the Mayflower.

The book coincides with the approach of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower crossing, and five copies are being distributed throughout Ohio, one in each of the five colonies in the state. Burgess is the Lt. Governor of the Columbus Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and chose to make his hometown library the recipient in his district. Susan Pittman, Library Director (left) and Beth Keuneke, Adult Services Coordinator (right) were on hand to accept the donation.

The books were generously donated to the Ohio Society by Assistant General Rev. Donald Nichols.

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

### COMMEMORATIVE COIN: 1920-1921 Pilgrim Tercentenary Half Dollar

As we approach the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (quadracentennial) of the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth, perhaps it is a good time to look back at prior celebrations. Two such ways of commemorating this event immediately come to mind – coins and stamps. This article will take a look at the 1920-1921 Pilgrim 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Half Dollar issued by the US Mint.

The Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission had requested 500,000 coins, but Congress only authorized 300,000; actual release was much smaller. 200,000 were to be made with 1620-1920 on the back (reverse) side of the coin; but only 152,112 pieces were released. 100,000 were to be made showing the date 1921 on the front (obverse) side of the coin, but only 20,053 were released. The coin weighs 12.5 grams and is made up of 90% silver.

The obverse side depicts William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony. The reverse side depicts the Mayflower. The coin was designed by Cyrus E. Dallin who chose to put his initial, D, in very small type on the lower portion of the obverse side (just before the larger D in the word dollar). Don't confuse the D with a Denver Mint – all these coins were minted in Philadelphia.

As with many designs in the coin world, the depictions are not always accurate (and the same is true for stamps). The Mayflower ship depicted on the reverse of the Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollar shows some errors in the ship's design. One of those inaccuracies is that the flying jib type sail was not in use in 1620. The Mayflower probably had a square water sail under the bowsprit. While acknowledging the inaccuracies, we can still celebrate the Commemoration. Let us hope that the U.S. Mint releases a 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin for us to enjoy!

Want to help? Write your congressperson and urge him/her to co-sponsor legislation to have the Mint issue a 2020 commemorative coin!

*Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve*



### Countdown to 2020 – FORMING OUR PLANNING COMMITTEES

It is not too early to begin thinking about how SMDOH will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth.

I wonder what was happening in 1615? *Let's see...English explorer Capt. Thomas Hunt kidnaps Squanto (or Tisquantum) and twenty other Patuxet (or Pawtuxet) Indians from the Cape Cod region and brings them to Spain. He plans to sell them as slaves, but Squanto is rescued by a Spanish priest, taken to London, and taught English.*

Hummmm...do you think we could kidnap some people and put them to work planning the 400<sup>th</sup>? Somehow I don't

think that would work. After all, who knows better how we want to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> than we ourselves! So let's get the ball rolling and start getting involved!

Here are some ideas to get you thinking...be sure to let us know if you want to be involved in one of these:

Special Junior Members activities – such as Hearth Cooking

Bus trip to Plymouth for 2020 activities

Special SMDOH and/or colony pins/patches to swap in 2020

Outreach/educational programs to libraries & schools

Joint ventures with historical and genealogical societies

Special Recognitions – certificates / plaques for any special persons or organizations for their contribution to history

Special “products” for sale ( working with GS and other states to see what they are planning) – coffee cups, pins, pencils, bookmarks, paperweights, etc.

Making costumes – how to / patterns / develop names of people who could make custom order costumes.

Speakers' bureau & resources– create list of individuals willing to speak (perhaps 2018-2020) about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, Plymouth and the topics they would speak on.

OTHER????

If you would like to serve on a team/group/committee to start planning the 400<sup>th</sup>, or have some ideas of ways we could celebrate, please contact Jill Parker, Lt. Gov, Western Reserve Colony, via email: [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com) or letter at 886 Rosemarie Circle, Wadsworth, OH 44281

## Mayflowerbucks

*-betsie gricar goad*

- a boost for a sluggish colony...does your colony need a pick-me-up? Try a cup of Mayflowerbucks!

### TALL -

Offer interesting programs in convenient locations

Invite prospective members and make them feel welcome

Focus on projects that are of interest to your members (survey them to determine interests)

Try something new! Keep members motivated and interested with a new project. Make a difference in your community!

Recruit Junior Members & get them involved! (They are energetic---like an extra shot of espresso!)

Share responsibilities (utilize the talents of all members, especially new members!)

Publicize your chapter activities (local newspapers, displays) Be visible!

### GRANDE -

Invite a state officer or chairman to a meeting (they have valuable experience to share!)

Hold a Genealogy Workshop

Meet with another colony periodically or collaborate on a project

See what's new by reading the Newsletter online

Get ideas in the Mayflower Quarterly

### VENTI -

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Be active in your community (Community Service, parades, etc.)

Attend General Congress (you'll be inspired & get great ideas for programs & projects)

Attend State Conference (you'll get great ideas from other colonies & make new friends!)

Stay in touch by frequently checking the Ohio Members' website ([ohiomayflower.org](http://ohiomayflower.org)) - see what's going on!



## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

This is a year of a major anniversary for our colony. We turn 80 this year! The Cincinnati colony was chartered 80 years ago this past January. This makes us one of the oldest colonies in the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants. To celebrate, we will be having a cocktail party Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM at Parkers Grill in Blue Ash, Ohio. Members, guests and prospective society candidates are all welcome. Cost per person will be \$30 and will include hors d' oeuvres and first drink.

Additionally we will be having an informal lunch gathering this summer. Former, Deputy Governor, Judy Overstreet will be planning this event. An announcement will go out as soon as possible with the place, date and time.

We are also going to get out to the park and have an old fashioned picnic on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 PM at Carillion Park in Dayton ([www.daytonhistory.org](http://www.daytonhistory.org)). Cost: Entry into the park, pay at the door, is \$8 (adults) \$7 (seniors) and \$5 (children 3-17) NOTE: this covers all buildings and exhibits except the Carousel which is \$1 a ride. An all American picnic lunch for \$15 per person will be available and will be served in a covered pavilion. We plan to have games too! Come and enjoy the afternoon and learn about Dayton History from its early days to the present in a true multimedia environment. You will be able to tour all the exhibits and buildings in the park, it's a great family environment.

Compact Day 2015: We will begin the planning of this over the summer.

**Education:** We are also working on educational opportunities including the Patriot Fair once again.

Lastly, our Deputy Governor, Mike Moose has resigned from this position. We are therefore in need of someone to step into that role. This position primarily handles the planning of the annual Compact Day in November. Please let me know if you are interested. Email me at [cincinnati@yahoo.com](mailto:cincinnati@yahoo.com)

**Cin Colony Board Meetings:** 2 Board Meetings have been held since Compact Day:

- Our January meeting reviewed the Compact Day Colony Meeting. We also discussed plans to hold a variety of events in 2015.
- Our March meeting reviewed the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and planned the August picnic. Additionally we discussed education plans involving specifically the Patriot Fair in September in Mason, OH. We also made a plan to distribute Mayflower flyers with our contact info on them to go to public libraries in SW Ohio.

#### 2014-2015 Cin Col Officers

*Doug van der Zee – Lieutenant Governor*  
*Barbara Lawrence – Treasurer*  
*Beth Anderson – Historian*  
*Elder - Jean Meutzel*  
*BoA Rep – Beth Anderson*

*Deputy Governor – Vacant*  
*Debbi Riley - Corresponding Secretary*  
*Beverly Simmons – Recording Secretary*  
*Education officer – Jim Fanning*

*Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

### News from the Cleveland Colony

The Cleveland Colony held meetings during the 2014-2015 year as follows:

- The Fall compact meeting was held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Rider's Inn in Painesville, Ohio. Approximately 40 were in attendance for lunch and two programs. The innkeeper initially gave a short history of the Inn, which proved to be very interesting. Following a short business meeting and lunch the main talk was given by Elder David Ben Foster, who brought to life the story of his ancestor, Stephen Baldwin, who served in the Civil War. He brought interesting artifacts to view as well.
- The Annual Spring Event was held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 for a short meeting and lunch at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village, Ohio, followed by a short driving trip to the Maltz Museum in Beachwood, Ohio. Museum displays explore the role, language, citizenship, work and faith in the immigrants' transition to American life. We had a tour guide who explained displays and the approximate 17 who attended enjoyed the tour thoroughly. The museum is highly recommended for anyone who is interested in the history of the Cleveland Area.

An informal outing is scheduled for June 19 consisting of a train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Line. The trip starts at Rockside Station and proceeds to Peninsula Station, where lunch will be obtained at a local eatery. Following lunch there will be the option of returning to Rockside Station, or proceeding on the south route and thence back to Rockside Station.

Membership in the Colony remains fairly constant and we have an active and highly efficient Board which organized events. As with any group we could use additional people more active in the Colony. Our treasury remains in good condition.

*Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

The spring Columbus Colony meeting was held on Saturday, April 18 at Kensington Place. Our speakers and entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marple who portrayed President and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt and gave us some insight into their lives during the Roosevelt presidency. Also, we were informed of some Mayflower connections that the Roosevelt family had in their background.

Our next colony meeting will be the Compact Day meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2015 also at Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd. in Columbus. The social time will begin at 11:30 with the luncheon being served at noon. As usual there will be a short business meeting after the entertainment portion of the event. Mr. Gerald Payn, a noted Abraham Lincoln scholar and presenter, will give us an account of the last few days of Lincoln's presidency before he was assassinated.

If for some reason you do not receive an invitation and the information on the meeting, please let our Corresponding Secretary, Jenney Seely know of the oversight by the end of October. Her email address is [chipien@aol.com](mailto:chipien@aol.com).

The Columbus Colony is still looking for volunteers for a colony photographer, a scholarship committee member, and a membership/youth membership chair.

Recently, our Colony by-laws have been revised and approved by the State Rules Committee.

We will be hosting the 2016 Annual Meeting and have selected the Polaris Hilton as our meeting site. Susan Kilbride has been secured by Deputy Lieutenant Governor, Jan Kleinline, to be the main speaker. Kilbride has published several genealogical articles and has also written two genealogy books: *Our American Series –The Pilgrim Adventures* and *The King Philip's War Adventure*. Copies of these books will be available at this year's Annual Meeting as well as next year's meeting in Columbus.

*Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

## News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony members were pleased to have so many of State Society cousins attend the Annual Assembly. Your enthusiastic participation was enjoyable! Thank you to all colony members and friends who worked together to make the gathering so successful. The colony's next meeting will be for Compact Day on Saturday, November 14th. Attorney Donald F. Melhorn, Jr., will speak on the Magna Charta.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

## News from the Western Reserve Colony

**NEW! Junior Membership Coordinator:** Amanda (Mandy) Brooks read the Buckeye Mayflower and saw that we were looking for a Junior Coordinator. She is excited about the endless possibilities. For starters she will coordinate our sending out birthday cards and other notes of recognition.

**NEW! WR Membership Communication & Outreach:** We have begun a program to reach out to those who have completed the preliminary application process: 40 personalized letters offering encouragement and assistance in completing their application as well as an invitation to join us at any and all of our 2015 and 2016 Colony events (a list is included with the mailed). They will also be included in the emailing of the detail flyers for each event.

**NEW! WR New Member Welcome Packet:** WR Historian Becky Woodruff continues to welcome each new member with personal phone calls, emails and mailings (as needed). She has added 2 items to her Welcome Packet: a WR Leadership list with contact information and a schedule of WR Colony events for the next few years.



Don Burgess, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Marple and Bill McEwan



New member Andra Riffle gets her pin and welcome packet from Jill Parker

**NEW! Membership Milestone Tracking System:** We have developed an annual tracking system that denotes milestone membership anniversaries and birthdays that will occur during the year; the system also tracks recognitions both mailings and at which meeting they were recognized.

**Making Improvements! Colony Meeting Handouts:** We continue to modify the program handout. It is double sided and printed on cardstock so it is of nice quality. **Friends of the WRC:** We are celebrating our 3rd year of this group of spouses/friends of Western Reserve Colony members. A small annual membership fee is collected and name badges indicate "Friend" rather than "Guest". We like to think of these individuals as descendants of those who were on the Speedwell or who gave up their seat on the Mayflower! These individuals are special to us and they show their love and support for us by active involvement at our meetings.

**Working On! - WR Property & Records:**

We are looking at having a workday to go through the "scrapbooks" to see what we can digitize in an effort to improve preservation and reduce storage requirements.

- Year – Notes sent to those celebrating milestone membership anniversaries
- Each Meeting – special recognition of membership anniversaries and service
- Compact Day: Various officers and members were recognized for their service to the Society.
- March Memorial Service: We acknowledged the loss of 3 members who passed away since the prior year's Memorial Service.

**WR Colony Board Meetings:** 2 Board Meetings have been held since Compact Day:

- Our January meeting reviewed the Compact Day Colony Meeting and put finishing touches on plans for the March Memorial Meeting.
- Our April meeting reviewed the Memorial Meeting and planned the June picnic.

**WR Colony Meetings:** 3 Colony Meetings have been held since the last State Assembly Report:

- June 21, 2014: WR held its annual picnic meeting at Greentown Community Park, Greentown, OH, with a pot luck lunch and Mayflower related activities for all ages to enjoy.
- November 16, 2014: The Western Reserve Colony Annual Compact Day Celebration was held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Skyland Pines Restaurant and Rustic Lodge in Canton, OH. Forty-five members and guests braved the winter storm moving in and enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Leianne Neff Heppner, President & CEO of The Summit County Historical Society of Akron spoke on "The Genealogy of Western Reserve Colony's Gavel: a Journey on the Ohio & Erie Canal"
- March 21, 2015: WR annual Memorial Service. 33 members and guests (including 1 new member and 2 applicants) attended the meeting at Skyland Pines; Jay Russell, founder of RIP, "Respectful Interment Preservations", a cemetery preservation company spoke on "Preserving History-Cut in Stone".



Leanne Neff-Heppner

**WR Colony Donations.** We have two donation traditions: (1) cash and canned good to the Akron Canton Area Food Bank raised at our Compact Day Meeting and (2) Silver Book

donations to the Akron Summit County Public Library / Special Collections in Memory of Colony Members who have passed away during the year. This year the Elder William Brewster Silver Book was presented to the library in memory of the three members who passed away during the year.

**SMDOH**

Five WR members are currently serving in positions on the state BOA (Don Nichols, Ann Gulbransen, Lee Martin, Margo Broehl and David Foster).

**WR Board:** Both our Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions are vacant. The WRC Officers for January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016 are:

Lt. Governor – Jill Parker	Dep. Lt. Governor – Roberta Dodd
Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen	Historian – Rebecca Woodruff*
Elder – Kathleen Lambacher*	BOA Rep. – Paul Morehouse
Junior Coordinator—Mandy Brooks	

\*Serving their 2nd 3-year term in their office

*Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 20, 2015**—Cleveland Colony summer event on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad. The trip will start at the Rockside Station with lunch in Peninsula. Board at the Rockside Station at 9:00 a.m. Contact Kathy Leisure at [kathyleisure@gmail.com](mailto:kathyleisure@gmail.com) for a flyer.

**June 20, 2015**—Western Reserve summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, Greentown, OH. Potluck picnic, games, prizes. Contact WRColonySMDOH@gmail.com for a flyer.

**August 9, 2015**—Cincinnati Colony summer picnic at Carillon Park in Dayton. An all American picnic lunch for \$15 per person will be available and will be served in a covered pavilion. We plan to have games too! Come and enjoy the afternoon and learn about Dayton History from its early days to the present in a true multimedia environment. You will be able to tour all the exhibits and buildings in the park. Cost: Entry into the park, pay at the door, is \$8 (adults) \$7 (seniors) and \$5 (children 3-17) NOTE: this covers all buildings and exhibits except the Carousel which is \$1 a ride.

**September 26, 2015**—Patriot Fair, Mason, OH 9-5. See <http://www.americanspiriteducationalliance.com/events/patriot-fair-2015/> for details.

**November 14, 2015**—Columbus Colony Compact Day, Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd, Columbus, starting at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Gerald Payn, a noted Abraham Lincoln scholar and presenter.

**November 14, 2015**—Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village. Donald Melhorn, Jr., will speak on the Magna Charta

**November 15, 2015**—Western Reserve Compact Day, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, OH. Speaker: John Burke, Indian Portrayer (also Medina County Treasurer)

**November 2015**—Cincinnati and Cleveland Compact Day celebrations—dates and places TBD

If you know of other events that should be listed here, please email them to [ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com) and they will be posted in future issues!

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Lastly, I'll speak about our 20/20 celebration. No, I'm not talking about perfect vision. 20/20 refers to 400 years since the voyage of the "Mayflower." Shouldn't we be doing something special for 20/20 as it approaches? Jill Parker, Lt. Governor of Western Reserve Colony is serving as temporary contact person for this committee. Does anyone want to be chair? We need a chairperson as well as ideas. Some ideas already discussed are commemorative pins and organizing a bus trip to Plymouth. One of our members recently asked if GSMD is sponsoring a 20/20 trip to Leiden and East Anglia. The most up-to-date answer is that they are not but probably will.



Your officers take their Ohio Society jobs very seriously and do a good job. However, our Ohio Society also needs MEMBERS who want to see good things happen in Ohio Mayflower. We need MEMBERS who participate. So, help us improve our Ohio Mayflower Society. You can start by upgrading your participation from solely a dues-paying member to a colony meeting attendee. The next step, of course, is sharing some of your heart, mind, and energy for the benefit of YOUR Mayflower society.

*Sandra Carlin St. Martin*

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## Pilgrim Procession

Are you planning a visit to Plymouth this summer? If you are, then, as a Mayflower descendant or a Mayflower Junior, you and members of your extended family are invited to take part in a special Pilgrim event which is held on the first four Friday evenings in August.



The event begins at 4:15 pm at the Mayflower House located in Plymouth. There you will dress in costume to represent one of the 51 Pilgrim survivors of that first winter. In costume and to the beat of the drummer accompanying the procession, you will walk to Plymouth Rock, continue along Water Street, and up Leyden Street to Town Square which is the beginning of Main Street. Your procession, which re-creates the Pilgrims' procession to church, will then continue to and end at Burial Hill.

This procession has been a popular yearly event since 1921. Several spots are being held for Mayflower Descendants until June 10 on each of the four Fridays (August 7, 14, 21 and 28).

More information is available by contacting Cynthia Tinney at 781-878-5273 or at [cmtinney@yahoo.com](mailto:cmtinney@yahoo.com).

If you aren't part of the procession, make sure to participate by watching from the planned route if you are in Plymouth on a Friday in August!

Do you spend part of the year living somewhere other than your primary address? When you get your annual dues notice or life member update mailing in September, please make sure to give us that other address and the dates when you will be away. We want to make sure you get all your Mayflower mailings on time! Please also remember to notify us if your mailing address or email address changes so we can keep our records current and you get the benefits of your membership.