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## A message from our Governor

As I write this, our 41st Mayflower Congress in Plymouth, MA is ending. During the time in Plymouth much new information was shared. At our church service on Sunday afternoon, GSMD Governor Lea Filson signed an agreement with the First Parish Church of Plymouth transferring custody of the church to GSMD.

During our business sessions, our delegates voted to approve a partnership of GSMD with The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and Family Search. NEHGS will digitalize the 5th generation of our silver books and provide access them on the NEHGS website ([americanancestors.org](http://americanancestors.org)). Family Search has agreed to digitize our membership applications and make the data available on their website. Personal information less than 100 years old will be blocked. Further business included repairs on the Mayflower House and commissioning a statue to commemorate our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Congratulations are in order for our Assistant Historian, Lee Martin. He was nominated by Governor St Martin and Historian Gulbransen to receive the GSMD Commendation and Achievement award for his invaluable and selfless service to the Ohio Society. Lee received his reward at Congress. Congratulations, Lee, well deserved!

For those of you with ancestors Dorothy Bradford, William and Susanna White, you'll be pleased to know that Caleb Johnson announced some major genealogical breakthroughs. I will leave the explanations to other, more informed members of our Ohio delegation.

At this time, I encourage all of our Ohio Mayflower members to consider being a delegate at the 2020 Congress. Delegates are selected on a first come first serve basis and will be recruited beginning in January 2020.

Your colonies are gearing up for Compact Day. If you haven't attended recently, consider doing so this November. This is a special time of year for all of us.



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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

I have had several members ask lately for information on how to submit a supplemental application for themselves or to submit an application for a family member. Our process always starts with a preliminary application. You can download a copy from the How to Join page on [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org), or you can email either me or Lee for a copy. You should also complete a lineage review form so we know the line you want to submit.

If you joined the Society more than 10-15 years ago, please be aware that documentation standards have changed substantially and documentation that was not required when you joined is now required. Older papers must be brought up to modern standards which can result in reproofing many generations. We will give you as much help as we can to accomplish this task.



Once again, Ohio Mayflower had a table in the vendor hall at the annual conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society. This year, Lee and I had able help from members Janice O'Neil (left with Lee), Dennis Moffit, LaVonne Ayres and Heather Reichert. We passed out literature to lots of people which included our preliminary application, and left with one completed application submission, and requests for several supplemental applications. Next year's conference will be in Columbus so if you live nearby, please come take a turn at the table.

During the OGS conference, many Ohio Mayflower members were initiated as charter members in The Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory. In addition to myself and Lee, the list included Carol Jutte (COL), William Huber (COL), Jean Hoffman (CLE), Kay Johnston (WR), Nancy Koverman (WR), Sharon Copeland (COL), Carolyn Zielinski (WR), Linda Collins (COL), Joyce Kesling (WR) and Troy Bailey (CLE). Congratulations to all!

In her message on the first page, Sandy mentioned the new research revealed by Caleb Johnson in Plymouth. He has been working on this for years, and has discovered that Dorothy May Bradford's maiden name was really May and she was the niece of Mayflower passenger William White. It is the identity of William White's wife Susannah that is the most exciting for Mayflower genealogists. She has often been called Fuller in the literature and was thought to have been a sister of Edward and Samuel Fuller. Not true. That Ann Fuller married a different William White in Leiden who was living there after the death of the Mayflower William White in that awful first winter. It was a letter from Susannah's second husband Edward Winslow to his "father-in-law" that provided the clue to her identity. Winslow sent that letter to Richard Jackson who had been a known associate of William Brewster! You can read a new sketch about Susannah at Caleb's website at <http://mayflowerhistory.com/white-susanna/>. The research will be published in a series of three articles in The American Genealogist, the first one of which is at the printer now. If you don't subscribe, check your local library for a copy, particularly if William and Susannah are your ancestors!

**Did you or another member of your family sponsor a junior member? Our new Junior Coordinator and Colony coordinators are starting up new communications with our junior members and have been finding that we have lots of bad addresses. If you know of a junior member under the age of 18 or an "aged out" junior member under the age of 25 who does not live with you, please email Ann Gulbransen at [OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com](mailto:OHMayflowerHistorian@gmail.com) with an update of his/her mailing address. We would always like email addresses too!**

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Milestones March 2017-August 2017

#### Years since election to membership!

#### Cleveland Colony

Mary Lou Cole, 45 years  
 Robert Burns, 45 years  
 Sally Edwards, 45 years  
 Jonathan Miller, 45 years  
 Phyllis Williams, 40 years  
 Deanne Cellorosi, 40 years  
 Robin Hicks, 40 years  
 Alice Harrison, 40 years  
 Alison Ibbotson, 30 years

Carolyn MacLaren, 30 years  
 Catherine MacLaren, 30 years  
 John Brewster, 30 years

#### Columbus Colony

Timothy Kern, 40 years  
 Helen Hilty, 30 years  
 Janice Kleinline, 30 years

#### Toledo Colony

Minna Mierke, 60 years

### My Journey to Mayflower Society Membership

*By Sandy St. Martin, Columbus Colony*

I'm a native New Englander, born in Ayer (formerly known as Groton Junction) and I grew up in Groton, both towns in northern Massachusetts. Groton was an old Puritan settlement. My ancestors were amongst the first Groton settlers in 1655.

Very little was said about early Groton town history. What we learned was from the signs-settled 1655, so and so was killed by the Indians at this place etc. The Revolutionary War was big in Groton. Our men were at Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. Col. William Prescott was our hero. The "war" was treated like a current event.

The Pilgrims and Thanksgiving were very important when I was growing up. Every year we were taken from the classroom to hear the governor's yearly proclamation. We played Pilgrims and Indians. Thanksgiving turkey raffles were big back then. It seemed like we always had snow on the ground by Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims were the standard black and whites (clothing) going to church through the snow with a gun over the shoulder. Not much else was said about the Pilgrims except they had the first Thanksgiving.

When I started dabbling in genealogy 30 years ago, my focus was on my father's father's family. My great-grandmother, Bessie (Hall) Carkin, compiled a chart which was researched by going from town to town. Despite expanding Bessie's chart to several thousand persons, there were no Pilgrims. All were black and whites.

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## MAYFLOWER CONGRESS

### Reports from the 2017 General Congress Delegation

**Janice Kleinline:** Sandy St. Martin and I drove to Plymouth this year. We arrived Thursday afternoon, Sept 7, and after checking in went to General Mayflower Society's sale office and purchased 6 "Coming to America" teacher kits and then went on to Plymouth Hall Museum where we purchased more items for our State sales table including "The Mayflower Passenger" posters. On Friday I helped with the Western Reserve sales table and in the afternoon, Sandy St. Martin, Jill Parker, and I drove to Plimoth Plantation and again found wonderful items for the Ohio sales table.



Congress in session!



Sandy St. Martin & Jan Kleinline

Sunday (in Mayflower attire) we met at the Mayflower House and

joined the processional to Cole's Hill for the Wreath Laying by the Governor General and the reading of the names of the 51 Mayflower passengers who died during the first winter. Some continued on to the Meeting House for Opening Ceremonies. This was followed by a reception in the gardens behind Mayflower House.

Monday and Tuesday I attended all sessions of the General Congress. Many of us will share the happenings at those sessions with our colonies at our Compact

Day in November.

**Jill Parker:** My first venture as an Ohio Delegate to the GSMD Congress was wonderful. To meet and talk with so many MAYFLOWER descendants was a moving experience. I was impressed and inspired by the programs and thoughtful ideas that individuals, Colonies, and Member Societies shared. The DNA information was the best I have heard and I believe this will have THE biggest impact on our growth and the key to diversification. Our own Stellen Riffle was mentioned during the business meeting as the top scholarship recipient for 2017. And Lee Martin was recognized for his outstanding service to SMDOH. The dining-out time spent with Sandy, Betsy, Ann, Jan, Lee and Janice was a real treat and a nice break from our "business" interactions. Finally, Member newsletters were mentioned as being great for sharing information and ideas and for generating new initiatives. Keep sharing your information by writing articles for our newsletters!



Jan Kleinline & Jill Parker



Opening Ceremony

**Lee Martin:** Mayflower Congress 2017 took place 8-13 September 2017 at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Only three major items of new business appeared on the agenda: Feasibility Study of the Mayflower House, fundraising initiatives, and the partnership between FamilySearch and NEHGS. The feasibility study of the Mayflower House was soundly voted in the affirmative for bringing the house up to Massachusetts State code and creating an annex between the library and administration building. Fundraising initiatives included a brainstorming session to better increase revenue for not only the national society, but also State societies.

Included with the brainstorming session, the executive committee reviewed the strategic plan and presented to the membership a fundraising effort to save the First Parish Church in Plymouth. The third piece of business put forth to the membership was the partnership with FamilySearch and NEHGS that included digitization of applications, with applications within the 100-year birth window to be redacted out for privacy protections and digitization of the fifth generation in the Silver Books. All the proposals passed in the affirmative by an overwhelming margin.



Your Ohio Delegation!

The elections went smoothly with one challenge in the executive committee for the position of Surgeon General, but the incumbent was re-elected with an overwhelming majority; and, two rounds for the position of Member-at-large that resulted in a tighter race. Overall, the Congress had been very successful and not as contentious as previous Congresses with one exception and that involved a change in bylaws from State Societies to Member Societies, because some societies are foreign nations such as Canada with possibly Australia coming onboard. There was much confusion with "State" as a sovereign entity and "Member," but there was a rather quick resolution to the confusion.



Mayflower II

**Mayflower II update:** I visited Mystic Harbor in Connecticut and talked with Whit Perry. Whit told me the Mayflower is well within budget constraints and on schedule. He told me the ship should be at Plymouth Harbor in June 2019.

**Janice O'Neil:** This conference was my first time with the GSMD at Plymouth. On Fri, my time was spent getting to know the hotel, town and Society. It felt a little lonely.

By the next day, all was in order and the Society seemed to come alive. The people were in their places, friendly and helpful. I loved the trip to the Cape to see the places our ancestors first stepped and the inn and burial grounds. It only grew better with time. The house, the pilgrim walk, the lovely seafood dinners and the business meetings gave me a view of our ancestors and a Society of which to be very proud. I would do this again in a heart beat. I truly loved every minute of this experience. You can only get an in depth understanding as a delegate. I would encourage you to volunteer.



Jill Parker & Janice O'Neil

**Betsie Goad:** As usual, Congress was packed full of information. Currently there are 53 Member (no longer State) Societies including one in Europe. Our own Ohioan, Susan Ress Courter, is living in Italy and is the acting Governor of the European Society. A partnership between Family Search/NEHGS/ Mayflower was approved to digitize 95,000 applications, 200,000 records, the 5 Generation Silver Books, and the Great Migration Series 1620-1640. There is also a partnership with Family Tree DNA. When they asked the delegates who has had their DNA done, almost everyone raised their hand... except me. I did my DNA test while I was there. The First Parish Church is set up in a charitable trust while Mayflower Society raises the money to maintain this new awesome gift. Because Cole's Hill is a "cultural



Dinner by the harbor!

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## MAYFLOWER HISTORY

### Children of the Mayflower

Sometimes when we think of the passengers of the Mayflower we tend to overlook the children.

The events are so extraordinary for adults to endure much less than children to go through. The youngest, Oceanus Hopkins, was born during the voyage, and Peregrine White was born in Provincetown Harbor. The oldest child was Priscilla Mullins at the age of 17-18 years of age during the trip. Despite the tragic obstacles of sickness, death and some of them being orphaned, the children of the Mayflower were the children of hope, and were instrumental for a better future for Plimouth Colony. Imagine the young boys, Samuel Fuller, Giles Hopkins, Love Brewster, Francis and John Billington helping to build houses, hunting for supper, and even aiding with the sick and dying the first winter. Imagine the young girls, Elizabeth Tilley, Mary Chilton, and Constance Hopkins helping with the wash, cooking food, collecting firewood and of course assisting with the first Thanksgiving. There wouldn't be a formal education for years to come but learning and life skills were taught at home and at a weekly church service by Elder Brewster. As many would grow to adulthood, start families and move on to neighboring towns, Plimouth Colony would grow with new comers. We should never forget the amazing contribution they made to the rich heritage we all share.

*Todd & Vickie Reel*

### Book Donation Project

Your Ohio Board of Assistants is continuing to share our Mayflower History by donating copies of the Silver Books and other Mayflower books to libraries with genealogy departments. The photos below show the presentations at the Medina County Library, Wayne County Library and the Bexley library.



Pat Van Hoose, Sandra St. Martin, Jill Parker and Ann Gulbransen with library staff.



Librarian Deborah Kitko, Don Burgess, Sandra St. Martin, Ann Gulbransen and Don Williams



Janet Ebert, Betsie Goad, Sharon Hendershot and Sandra St. Martin with library staff

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

We are interrupting our normal publishing of the winning essays in the Ohio Scholarship competition to bring you a very special winner. You have read that the General Society also has a scholarship competition every year. We are thrilled to announce that Western Reserve Junior Member (and active applicant) Stellan Riffle has won first place in the 2017 GSMD competition! Stellan is a 2017 graduate of Hudson High School (Suma Cum Laude). He is an Eagle Scout and community volunteer. Stellan will attend Vanderbilt University as a Carell Scholar. He plans to study molecular and cellular biology and go to medical school. Here are his essays!



### **BACKGROUND: Two unique aspects of the Mayflower experience**

The colony to be established by the Mayflower passengers was a business venture. It was unique in that its first settlers were made up of two groups of very different people thrown together to make the venture possible and potentially profitable. The groups had very different goals in coming to America. Separatist passengers were united in their desire to live in a place where they could build a life for their families that was centered on their Christian faith. Other passengers, much less unified, were each seeking new life opportunities in a world just beginning to take shape. Yet somehow they had to work together.

Working together was made especially difficult by the second unique aspect of the Mayflower experience: the Mayflower landed in the wrong place. Why was this a problem? Like every English colony, the new colony had a charter which defined where the colony was to be established. When the Mayflower passengers decided, for practical reasons, to establish their colony in Plymouth, a location not specified in their charter, they faced the need to create an agreement among themselves as to how the colony was to be governed until they could get a new charter. That agreement was the Mayflower Compact.

### **Part 1 – Getting to know your Mayflower ancestor and their financial obligations**

Stephen Hopkins had a very interesting life. He is my twelfth great grandfather. Of 102 passengers aboard the *Mayflower*, he was the only one who had been to the new world previously, and his experience with the natives proved invaluable to Plymouth Colony. During his first visit, en route to Jamestown aboard the *Sea Venture*, he shipwrecked off Bermuda. During this time, he was nearly executed for talk of mutiny, but managed to have his sentence commuted by pleading for his life. Over the coming eight months, they cobbled together two small ships to continue the journey to Jamestown.

They found the colony in very poor condition. Preparations were made to return to England, when a ship arrived with supplies and a decision was made to stay. Hopkins labored here for roughly four years, during which time his wife back in England, Mary, died and he was forced to return. It is remarkable that after all this, upon hearing of the *Mayflower* voyage, he was more than willing to return to the new world.

After returning to England to care for his children, Hopkins worked as a tanner and merchant. He was not a separatist; he was one of the “strangers” who had signed on for secular reasons. The Merchant Adventurers sought him out as a potential stockholder and passenger due to his experience, and he agreed to participate, bringing with him his new wife, Elizabeth Fisher, and his two surviving children, Constance and Giles. The “saints” initially desired to start the colony for religious freedom, but there was still the great issue of funding it. Under English law, all land in the new world belonged to the king, and it was the duty of any colonists to compensate the crown for its use. The separatists, unable to produce this capital themselves, requested aid from a group of private entrepreneurs, whose goal it was to exploit the riches of the new world for profit. This partnership became known as the London Company, and they obtained a grant from the crown which placed their charter in northern Virginia. From here, the venture functioned much like investment banking. Shares were sold to private individuals, who would then receive a percentage of the total profits. The passengers of the *Mayflower* essentially paid for their voyage by agreeing to work for a certain period of time in the new world, sending back raw materials like furs, lumber, and fish to create capital. The “strangers,” Hopkins included, were brought into the operation to create more profit.

This heavily altered life in the colony, as the passengers felt the pressure to be profitable. They drafted the Mayflower Compact so that they could function civilly and efficiently in order to be successful. They sought peaceful relations with the native Wampanoags not only for self-preservation, but for trading and profit. It is here that Stephen Hopkins' previous experience with the new world proved useful. He was often part of the early exploring missions. He was present for many meetings with native leaders, most notably when Samoset ventured to Plymouth in its early days to inform the colonists of the surrounding peoples and stayed in Hopkins' home. Hopkins brought a unique and valuable perspective to the colony beyond financial investment, and there is no doubt his experiences contributed greatly to the overall success of the settlement.

### **Part 2 – The Mayflower Compact: Its importance to your Ancestor**

Brief in wording, but effective in purpose, the Mayflower Compact was created over the course of several days after news made it to the passengers that they would not be going to the Hudson River, as their charter demanded. Instead they would go to New England, since dangerous waters and lack of adequate mapping left the already-weakened passengers and crew nearly unable to continue. This news prompted mutinous speeches, presumably led by Stephen Hopkins, stating that the secular passengers would use their own liberty upon landing. The "saints" feared the possibility of such anarchy and how it would impact their chances of survival, and the "strangers" feared theocratic rule by the majority separatists. Thus, the compact was drafted to quell the fears of both sides.

As a secular passenger, Hopkins' goals in the new world were likely tied to profit although it is clear he was a hearty adventurer. All of the passengers worked to pay off the debt of their voyage, but after that had been settled, they were largely free to pursue what they pleased. First and foremost, Hopkins would have approved of the idea of civil and political organization that is written into the document. Such organization would undoubtedly contribute to the overall success of the colony—if everyone is able to get along and work efficiently, then the colony will be better for it. And since the success of the colony and his personal financial success are invariably tied, this tenet of the compact would favor him. Similarly, the document states that all actions should ultimately be for the betterment of the colony, another action that would ultimately be beneficial to him individually.

Like all English colonies of the time, Plymouth was established with the crown as the ultimate benefactor. This is underwritten in the charters of these colonies, the Pilgrims' initial charter included. In the eyes of the crown, this legitimized the colonizing people's use of the land. Therefore, the credit given to King James in both the introduction and conclusion would be of great importance to all of the passengers. These lines essentially recreated the wording of the charter that allowed them to exist there in the first place in the hopes that it would function as a new charter.

Throughout his life, Hopkins seemed to dislike leadership in which he had little say. His discourse in Bermuda and near the end of the *Mayflower* voyage is evidence enough. Despite its heavily religious overtones, the compact's assurance that all legislation and election to office would be fair would be a great boon to him. He likely would not have signed the compact had it established a theocracy as the form of government. In reality, the law of the colony was a combination of English law and the moral law of religion.

### **Part 3 – Your Mayflower Heritage: Two Perspectives.**

What strikes me most about the Mayflower Compact is not only that disparate groups were willing to bind themselves, but that after the agreement, they had the creative intelligence to consider that they must also agree to amendments. As I have been in Boy Scouts from the age of seven until my Eagle Scout this year, it reminds me of the most simple motto: Be Prepared. Plan, and plan for contingencies

I think we all wish we could have heard the dialogue that led to this signing. Who first realized they had "gone off the map" and saw a new plan was imperative before they walked this land? Since Stephen Hopkins had been to America and had seen what could go wrong, did he help decide in favor of flexible rule so that adaptation would not be seen as against the law? Surely he remembered that the natives could be outwardly hostile. Still this group allowed that they might not be, and that is their simple genius. They decided to prepare, enact, and allow for revision as needed. This, to build not just a town, but a foundation and a future. To this end they were considering not just themselves but what should come after.

That is the essence of what I aspire to as real heroism: the soldier who puts country first and honor before personal danger, the mother who cares for a child when she is completely spent, and those who serve quietly to build a better world one brick at a time.

Sometimes it is hard to know whether what you do today will mean anything tomorrow. I do know that beginning is the most important part. All fire was once a spark. I would take this scholarship as a part of my beginning, to study molecular biology and then go on to medical school, and from to touching people's lives in ways I can't predict.

All those who came on the *Mayflower* came for opportunity, whether separatist saint or optimistic stranger. In the moment of signing the Compact, they became one. They were able to agree to disagree so that all could move toward survival and peace. This preparation is not lost on me as I enter a new world in college, with challenges I cannot know, and possibilities that I am willing to endure and work hard for. I am prepared.

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My father's mother's family was (allegedly) boring. They were English immigrants by the name of Oldershaw. My grandmother lost her mother shortly after her birth and she was raised by her uncle, James Noble, an English immigrant. Gram talked about visiting East Greenwich when she was growing up. We assumed she was talking about Greenwich, Connecticut, not East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Gram's mother was Anna Thankful Dawley. Anna died at the age of 22. It's not surprising that Anna's family history was lost.

My research on Anna Thankful Dawley led me to Rhode Island. Much to my surprise, Anna was a descendant of many of the founders of Rhode Island. It was interesting to find that my ancestors were thrown out of Massachusetts Bay Colony. I continued to research as many branches of Anna's family as time permitted. I eventually found the Fones family and then the Wests. Susanna Soule, daughter of Pilgrim George Soule, married Francis West and moved to Rhode Island. I'm descended from Susanna's daughter, Martha West.

I don't think I would have continued searching if it wasn't for Ohio Society member Esther Heer. Esther, a Chilton descendant, invited me to the state assembly at one of the hotels near the Columbus Airport. I'm not sure if I would have kept searching if it hadn't been for Esther. In order to "prove" my line I had to research all of the way back to the first five generations. That is how I changed from June bug to Mayflower.

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

The planning group for the 2020 has been busy and is asking you to help us with early marketing of the 2020 event - *first* by marking your calendar for May 1-2, 2020 for the Ohio Commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the pilgrim arrival in Plymouth. *Second* by sharing this information not only in your colony but any other lineage society of which you are a member. *Third*, as noted last newsletter, the main speaker for the event is the noted genealogist D. Joshua Taylor he will have four presentations starting on Friday evening. The focus of his presentations will be on the Mayflower and beyond. The event will be held in Columbus as it is central for travel. The 2020 and Columbus Colony planning group for the annual meeting, which will be held at the same time, has been busy working with the Polaris Hilton in Columbus. We will be holding a large block of rooms for this event and will be communicating in enough time for you to make early reservations as this is the same weekend for OSU graduation.

The 2020 Committee is hoping you are saving your loose change to give to your colony on Compact Day to help defray the expenses for the refurbishing of Mayflower II.

Only 31 months to go!!!

*Beth Anderson*

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icon," the Anthropological Project has been cancelled. A handbook for chairs is being developed as a resource and will soon be on-line. They are looking for 23 volunteers to serve in the Mayflower Guard. If wearing a type of armor and carrying a musket interests you, please sign up for this. The 2020 Committee is hard at work. Delegates approved a statue of William Bradford seated by an end table with a candle which will have an eternal flame. Location is yet to be determined. The calendar of 2020 events occurring over a 10 day period beginning Sept 11 was given to us. Boston, Plymouth, and Provincetown will be a part of this celebration. And for me, the highlight of Congress was Caleb Johnson's announcement regarding new information on William and Susannah White. Plymouth was decorated with painted lobsters placed all over town. What fun! It's always exciting to see the Rock and our own Mayflower House. Thank you for giving me the privilege again this year of being an Ohio Delegate.



Booted out of Plymouth!



Janice, Jill and Ann

**Ann Gulbransen:** This was my fourth visit to Plymouth for Congress and I have enjoyed all of them. I got to spend a half day in the Mayflower Library doing some research for applicants. It was great to spend a short amount of time with the amazing staff who make the application process as painless as possible: Carolyn Travers, librarian, Darlene Gardner, administration assistant and Marti Bobertz, director of research. We also got to hear from a couple of the verifiers in our Historian's meeting. I really enjoyed hearing both the joys and pet peeves of all the other Historians—most of them the same as mine! I plan to go back for Congress in 2020. It should be a wonderful week!



The WR Colony sales table

## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

Cincinnati Colony has been growing with 17 new members as far this year! We are encouraged to see our numbers grow not only in terms of our colony membership but also in our attendance at our events. Since the last Buckeye newsletter, we have had a colony meeting at the University Club of Cincinnati which featured a meeting followed by lunch and a presentation by fellow member, Peggy Reid. Peggy's presentation titled: Experience a Mayflower Society – sponsored "Historic Sites Tour" of England, Amsterdam, and Leiden. Peggy was very



Lt. Governor Doug van der Zee, Jennifer Dunkirk and Deputy Governor Shaun Smith

knowledgeable about the sites that she went to during her trip. She presented information about locations where many of our ancestors were from. She shared very interesting details about how our ancestors may have spent their time in and around Scrooby, and in Leiden. She had fantastic handouts with detail of places and a map of locations where each ancestor came from. We again, would like to thank Peggy for sharing her knowledge with us.



We also welcomed new member, Jennifer Dunkirk to our Colony during the September colony meeting.

#### We are looking forward to our upcoming fall events:

**September 23, 2017** – Patriot Fair- Mason Ohio 9M-5 PM at the Mason Municipal Center, 6000 Mason-Montgomery Rd. This is an annual event in Mason that has presentations from American History re-enactors as well as tables from many of the historical societies and Mayflower has been participating for about 5 years.

**October 15, 2017:** Heritage Village at Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH: Colony meeting, lunch and village historic tour.

**November 4, 2017:** Cincinnati Woman's Club, Cincinnati, OH: Compact day - details to follow.

**Our community Outreach initiative** The Thanksgiving Fund 2017 is underway. We collect funds at each of our Colony events. Prior to Thanksgiving the colony matches our donations and provides the funds to an organization to provide meals for those who are less fortunate. For 2017 the donation will go to the FreeStore Foodbank of Greater Cincinnati which helps families in 3 states (OH, KY, IN and 20 counties).

Additional business: we are investigating the creation of an annual scholarship to a University of Cincinnati history scholar student in their senior year or graduate program. More details to follow.

Colony nomination time! We have open positions for 3 year terms starting compact day November 2017:

- Deputy Governor
- Education Officer
- Elder
- Recording secretary

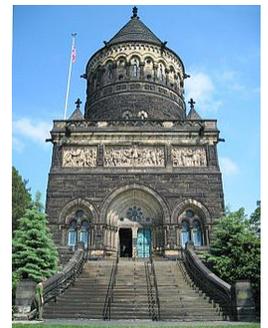
Let us know if you are interested! Email [cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com](mailto:cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com)

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

### News from the Cleveland Colony

The 2017 summer event was held at the Lake View National Historic Garden Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio Sunday June 25, 2017. We toured the James A. Garfield Memorial and Wade Memorial Chapel and touched on other points of interest followed by lunch at Trattoria on the Hill Italian restaurant located in Little Italy Cleveland, Ohio. The tour and lunch was enjoyed by all. We all agreed that it was so nice to visit and get to know each other.

**2017 Compact Day:** The annual November 18, 2017 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Rebecca



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McFarland, an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness. She will share the Eliot Ness that you won't get from the movies since the truth is more fascinating than fiction! We will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests as we have in the past. Our Colony had 105 guests last year and strives to match that number again this year.

The Board of Assistants has started planning the Cleveland Colony 2018 State Assembly. The 120<sup>th</sup> Annual State Assembly will be held at Radisson Hotel-Gateway located at 651 Huron Road East Cleveland, Ohio. The Friday night event will include a late afternoon free Soldiers and Sailors Monument Tour and Euclid Beach Silver Bullet rides by the "Rocket Man" touring Public Square. The State Day main event speaker will be Richard Pickering presenting his "Mayflower Compact" program. The Mayflower Compact is one of America's founding documents and how it served as the first constitution in British Colonial America. Plimoth Plantation's Deputy Executive Director Richard Pickering will explore the dramatic creation and enforcement of the Mayflower Compact by portraying both Stephen Hopkins and Ruling Elder William Brewster. We will highlight a few of the downtown attractions which include the Jack Casino, historic Tower City, renovated Public Square, the Flats, Warehouse District, 4th Street and Old Stone Church. The free local RTA trolley and RTA Euclid Corridor can easily transport people about the city. The adventure seekers might want to visit the Cleveland Museum of Art. Our goal is make the annual State Assembly attractive, educational and fun for the members and guests.

*Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

On July 8, 2017, a lunch meeting of Officers and Chairmen was scheduled at Sharon Hendershot's home. The Board is in the process of updating the Colony By-laws with plans to distribute the proposal to the members by the November meeting. A proposed budget is also being prepared. Lt. Gov. Sharon Hendershot reported on a planning meeting June 19 with Beth Anderson for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations which Columbus Colony will be hosting at the Polaris Hilton as part of the 2020 General Assembly. Beth's written first draft was distributed.

On August 1, 2107, a meeting with the Hilton Polaris event coordinator Manika Johnson was scheduled for Aug 1 at 10 am to look at the venue, menu prices, and room rental fees. Lt. Gov. Sharon Hendershot, Dep. Lt. Gov. Hilda Pappas, and Social Chairman Carolyn White also attended with Coordinator Beth Anderson.

**November 11, 2017:** Compact Day Meeting at Kensington Place. Patricia Hasser, a Columbus Colony member, is an herbalist. She will bring samples of herbs brought from England on the Mayflower and discuss the Pilgrims' planting, preservation, and usage. This is the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, the ending of The Great War. Cheryl Bash will give an invocation to honor these veterans.

**April 14, 2018:** Spring Meeting at Kensington Place. Dr. Janet Ebert will give a presentation about the Star Spangled Banner and lead the members in singing the "other" verses. The Mayflower Maze will be introduced.

**Education & Outreach:** Janice Kleinline, Education Chair will present a school program on the Pilgrims this fall in South Bloomfield. Sharon Bardus is a retired teacher and has agreed to be our junior member chair. She is planning a family picnic for the first weekend in June. There are 46 junior members in the central Ohio area alone. More details will follow as plans are made.

**Scholarship:** Dr. Janet Ebert announced the 2017 scholarship winner. The \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded to junior Rachel Jakes. She graduated as Valedictorian in the class of 2017 from Hilliard Davidson High School. She participated in softball and band and earned honors in each. She plays the oboe and English horn. Rachel will attend George Washington University in St. Louis. She and her parents will be honored at the November 11 meeting.

*Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

## News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony's summer meeting was held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> of July at the Firelands Presbyterian Church in Port Clinton. 30 members and guests had a wonderful time meeting, dining, and socializing with "old" and "new" cousins.

Lt. Governor Susan Fisher welcomed all, led us in prayer and introduced longtime members, Richard Dunham, who

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joined our Society in Jan. 1956, June Chapin, who joined in Jan. 1985 and Janet Calland, organizer of this meeting, who joined in May 2008. Also introduced were our two newest members, Flory Miller, who joined in Jan 2017 and Al Spicer, who joined in Apr 2017.

Deputy Lt. Governor Judy Rand presented newest members (Flory and Al) with pins and new member packets.

The meal was prepared by Chef Stacy from Bistro 163 in Port Clinton. A community café whose goal is to address hunger issues. It's a "pay it forward" restaurant, with healthy meals created by scratch, made with fresh, natural ingredients, supplied by local farmers whenever possible. Their menu is amazing and best of all, no guest is ever turned away for inability to pay. Their location, hours and such can be found by going to their website: [www.bistro163.org](http://www.bistro163.org) Richard Dunham drew names for door prizes. The lucky winners were: Member Joanie Barrett – a Mayflower hat and June bug Dr. Michael Barrett – a Mayflower mug. Both of whom were happy to pose for a photo with their new gear.

From the church, 20 guests and members met up at the Liberty Aviation Museum, also in Port Clinton, for a 2-hour guided tour. This Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving historic aircraft, watercraft and historic related items. This Museum consists of 2 hangars. Some of the interesting items they had on display were: a Singer Simulator, which was used to train pilots, airplanes, military and civilian vehicles, many displays showing the growth of aviation history and a WWII uniform once worn by Clark Gable as well as his discharge papers signed by his Captain, Ronald Regan (who later became the 40<sup>th</sup> President). More information about the Museum can be found on their website: <http://www.libertyaviationmuseum.org>

At the end of the tour, the cousins and the tour guide posed for a photo near the WWII Pt boat, currently under restoration. From left to right: Marie Spicer, Al Spicer, Judy Rand, Jan Hutchison, Peggy Hutchison, Tom Fisher, Charlotte Paschen, Annette Hatfield, tour guide/Chair of Education for Liberty Aviation Museum, Heather Reichert, Susan Fisher, Dr. Michael Barrett, Dr. Joanie Barrett



All Junior Members ages 11 – 17 have received a mailing about the restoration of Mayflower II, including the link to the television news report in Mystic, CT, provided by Lee Martin in his May B.O.A. report, and information about Pennies for Planks.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*



## News from the Western Reserve Colony

**Membership:** The Western Reserve Colony active membership is 211.

**WR Colony Recognitions:** Member Stellan Riffle was awarded the General Society Scholarship. You can read more about this elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations Stellan!

**WR Colony Gatherings:** We held our picnic on June 17 (noon at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH) .– The Colony provided ham, chicken and beverages; those able brought a side dish to share and as always there was plenty of food to go around. Decorations were done in the traditional red, white and blue. Member Jeanne Dusz and her husband Beau again led us in playing the Mayflower Maize with plenty of prizes for all.

Our Compact Day gathering will be on Sunday, Nov.12 at noon; traditional turkey dinner. Our speaker is Roger Marble who will present "You identified your Mayflower Ancestor, but are you really a genealogist?" Contact Lt. Gov. Jill Parker at [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com) for more information. Flyers will be sent to all Colony members in October. Cost TBD.

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**October 15, 2017:** Cincinnati Colony—Heritage Village at Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH: Colony meeting, lunch and village historic tour.

**November 4, 2017:** Cincinnati Colony Compact Day celebration, Cincinnati Women's Club

**November 11, 2017:** Columbus Colony Compact Day celebration at Kensington Place. Herbalist Patricia Hasser will discuss the Pilgrims' planting, preservation, and usage of herbs.

**November 11, 2017:** Toledo Colony Compact Day celebration, Swan Creek Retirement Village

**November 12, 2017:** Western Reserve Colony Compact Day celebration, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, N. Canton, details to follow

**November 18, 2017:** Cleveland Colony Compact Day celebration, Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Rebecca McFarland, an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness

**March 3, 2018:** Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

**April 14, 2018:** Columbus Colony Spring Meeting at Kensington Place. Dr. Janet Ebert will give a presentation about the Star Spangled Banner and lead the members in singing the "other" verses

**April 21, 2018:** Toledo Colony Spring meeting, beginning with fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo. Colony Board meeting immediately after.

**May 18-19, 2018:** Annual State Assembly hosted by the Cleveland Colony

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

*At the OGS Conference, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, six of our members were inducted as Charter Members of the Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory (SFONT): Ann Gulbransen, Lee Martin, Nancy Koverman, Carolyn Zielinski, Joyce Kesling and Kay Johnston.*

**WR Colony Donations:** One of our community outreach/donation programs is to give to the Akron-Canton Food Bank. We do this by cash/check donation on Compact Day. All donations go directly to the Food Bank for use during the upcoming winter.

**Bylaws and Standing Rules:** We are currently in the process of reviewing our Bylaws (which will require approval from our Colony members) and our Standing Rules. The changes to the Standing Rules are being made to the sections describing Officer/BOA members roles. We are seeking to expand the responsibilities list and re-align some responsibilities to eliminate uncertainty as to who does what.

**Mayflower Congress 2017:** Lt. Gov. Jill Parker, WR Treasurer (and State Historian) Ann Gulbransen, State Assistant Historian Lee Martin, and State AG Dr. Don Nichols were part of the Ohio Delegation to the Mayflower Congress held in Plymouth.

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

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