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A message from our Governor

Happy Holidays, Cousins:

We are nearing the end of the busy season that is full of color from falling leaves and decorated Christmas trees. It is also the season for families. So, I send my greetings and best wishes to my Mayflower family.

Fall has been busy for me as I participated in various Mayflower activities. Our state board met on September 29th in Columbus. The highlight of the meeting was the vote for approval of and signing of the contract with the Hilton Hotel at Polaris where we'll be having our big 2020 celebration on May 1st and 2nd.

Some of my duties as governor are pleasurable. For example, in October, I accompanied members of Columbus Colony to a book donation ceremony in Marietta. I traveled to Marietta with Columbus Colony Lt. Governor Sharon Hendershot (her cousin Frank our able driver) and met Charlie Mays, Mary Dellinger (who arranged the donation) and Lila Hill. Our silver books donation was very well received. The library in Marietta has a separate, staffed building for genealogy. After we donated the books, the library director and collections manager took quite a bit of time examining the books. We were assured that our silver books will be well used.

On December 20th, I'll meet members of our Toledo Colony in Bryan, Ohio. We'll be donating a set of silver books to the library at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Like other heritage groups, SMDOH has its encouraging and disappointing moments. One positive moment was when Larry Hoyt signed on as our new state treasurer. The negative moment was when we found that over 100 of our annual members did not pay their dues on time. All who did not pay were sent a second notice recently. We look forward to hearing from all of these 100+ members soon.

Enjoy the holidays. Consider Mayflower themed holiday gifts for your children and grandchildren. Both GSMD and Plimouth Plantation have online stores.

My best to you all,



Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Governor, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio.

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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members June 1 2018—November 30, 2018

Cincinnati Colony

Dual membership

Marcia Holstrom, 12th from John Howland

Initial Applications

Carol Byrd, 12th from John Howland

Paige Craig, 11th from Mary Allerton

Bernice Denham, 11th from George Soule

Sherry Ent, 12th from Edward Fuller

Daniel Faloon, 12th from Richard Warren

Evelyn Freimuth, 11th from Stephen Hopkins

Linda O'Hara, 12th from Edward Fuller

Cleveland Colony

Initial Applications

(Ellen) Dianne Gilbert, 11th from Thomas Rogers

Shirley Hazelwood, 13th from Stephen Hopkins

Janet Hewitt, 11th from Edward Fuller

Martha Matuska, 12th from Peter Brown

Elizabeth Mills, 10th from Myles Standish

Robert Rindfleisch, 10th from William Bradford

Michael Schaefer, 14th from William Brewster

Transfers to Ohio

Thomas Brandt, 11th from William Brewster

Donarita Vocca, 11th from John Alden

Columbus Colony

Initial Applications

James Beaton, 11th from John Alden

Alan Davis, 13th from William Brewster

Debra Dickens, 13th from William Brewster

Sandra Ferreira, 10th from John Alden

Penny Ginnery, 13th from Edward Fuller

Karen Jordan, 13th from Edward Fuller

Richard Kaufman, 11th from John Howland

Darren McCoy, 13th from John Alden

Peggy Olmstead, 11th from John Alden

Frederick Previts, 13th from William Brewster

Stephanie Savage, 14th from Richard Warren

Leia Sizemore, 15th from Richard Warren

Cornelia Sproat, 11th from William Bradford

Kathie Van Horn, 12th from Edward Fuller

Jackson Walker, 12th from John Alden

Toledo Colony

Initial Applications

Kenneth Brewster, 11th from William Brewster

Carmen Chapman, 11th from William Brewster

Deborah Joslin, 11th from Richard Warren

Vickie Kuli, 12th from Edward Fuller

Maryanne Laubner, 11th from John Howland

Andrea Traunero, 10th from Myles Standish

Phyllis Zibbel, 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Transfer to Ohio

Julia Janosi, 12th from William White

Western Reserve Colony

Initial Applications

Shirley Adams, 13th from Stephen Hopkins

Graham Ewing, 13th from Richard Warren

Barbara Lysic, 13th from Richard Warren

Jonna Nesbella, 14th from Richard Warren

Kenneth Parker, 12th from John Howland

Junior to Adult

Gretchen Davison, 13th from John Howland

Welcome!

Supplemental Applications Approved June 1 2018-November 30, 2018

Cincinnati Colony

Diane Griffith, 14th from William Brewster

Cleveland Colony

Andrea Aussant, 15th from William Mullins

Andrea Aussant, 14th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Alwyn Chao, 13th from George Soule

Victoria Heineck, 14th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Victoria Heineck, 13th from William Mullins

Columbus Colony

Cynthia Brooman, 12th from William Brewster

Mary Deen, 12th from Francis Cooke

Janet Hoffmann, 11th from Myles Standish

Alaina Pappas, 13th from William Mullins

Alaina Pappas, 12th from John Alden

Alaina Pappas, 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Alexis Pappas, 12th from John Alden

Alexis Pappas, 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Alexis Pappas, 13th from William Mullins

George Pappas, 12th from William Mullins

George Pappas, 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

George Pappas, 11th from John Alden

Natasha Pappas, 12th from William Mullins

Natasha Pappas, 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Natasha Pappas, 11th from John Alden

Suzanne Ress, 13th from William Mullins

Suzanne Ress, 12th from John Alden

Suzanne Ress, 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden

Steven William, 10th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland

Steven Williams, 11th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Steven Williams, 11th from John Tilley

Steven Williams, 10th from John Howland

Toledo Colony

Steven Martin, 14th from Samuel Fuller

Steven Martin, 15th from Francis Cooke

Steven Martin, 15th from Peter Brown

Western Reserve Colony

Sarah Keeler, 12th from Francis Cooke

New Junior Members

Tiffany Rosenwald, Edward Fuller, CIN

Zachary Rosenwald, Edward Fuller, CIN

Elena Thatcher, Edward Fuller, CIN

WYATT Thatcher, Edward Fuller, CIN

Elizabeth Heckman, William White, CIN

Oliver Hosing, William Brewster, CIN

Owen Larson, William Brewster, CIN

Mackenzie Durken, John Alden, CLE

Shaun Durken, John Alden, CLE

Lillian Snow, Richard Warren, COL

Kennedy Urcelay, Isaac Allerton, COL

Amanda Dilello, William White, COL

Brynne Mosteller, John Howland, WR

Marian Faceler, Thomas Rogers, WR

Scout Ewing, Richard Warren, WR

Garrett Ewing, Richard Warren, WR

Jun-He Nesbella, Richard Warren, WR



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

CIN, Martha Steer, descended from Stephen Hopkins, b. 2/12/1944, d. 8/30/2018, elected 1/10/2004

COL, Carolyn Bellanca, descended from John Howland, b. 3/18/1961, d. 8/27/2018, elected 3/29/2016

WR, Grace Lewis, descended from John Howland, b. 8/21/1921, d. 7/9/2018, elected 1/4/2006

WR, Kay Campbell, descended from William White, John Alden, William Mullins, b. 9/25/1932, d. 9/18/2018, elected 10/19/1991. Kay served as Assistant Historian from 1999-2008

WR, John Rose, descended from Edward Fuller, b. 12/8/1923, d. 9/23/2018, elected 10/13/2001

SMDOH 400th Anniversary Ancestor Box

There is still time to order your personalized Ancestor Box for the holidays. Measurements are 7" square by 4" high. Two types of finish are available: natural and gray wash. The boxes cost \$75 (\$88.65 if shipped) with over \$30 going to the SMDOH 2020 commemoration budget.

You can get the order form from the state website: OhioMayflower.org, select Western Reserve Colony, Announcements to print off an order form. Complete the order form and send to Jill Parker, 886 Rosemarie Circle, Wadsworth, OH 44281; or email the order form to her at cfrtroutgal@gmail.com (please put Mayflower Ancestry Box in the subject line). Currently the only method of payment is by check, made out to "Western Reserve Colony". You will be emailed a proof of the box, for your approval, before it is actually produced.



What do I keep in my Ancestor Box? Anything you want! I have my replica Howland family spoon in mine along with some postcards of the Howland home. But I hope one day to put in a few ADDENDUM SCROLLS. These are lovely scrolls designed by the box maker that contain additional information. So, when I finally prove I am a Fuller descendant I don't need to order a new box I will simply order an addendum scroll for \$5. The scroll order form information is on the SMDOH website under the WR link.

Introducing our new Treasurer

The Ohio Board of Assistants is delighted to welcome Larry Hoyt of the Cleveland Colony as our new Treasurer. Here is what he has to say about himself:

I was born in Cleveland in 1949. Graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1967 and Ohio State University in 1972.

I married Dolores Matt in 1970, we have 2 daughters, 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

In 1972, I joined my father's business which operated as regional manufacturers' sales representative of various companies that produced food ingredients which we then sold to food processors in Ohio and the surrounding states who manufactured finished food products for sale to retail supermarkets and foodservice distributors.

While conducting my family research, I received a hint from Ancestry that contained information about a possible connection to the Mayflower. Thus, I was on the hunt to discover the information needed to prove this possibility. I learned that I am related to William Brewster and Peter Browne.

I am looking forward to working with everyone involved in the success of this organization.



Larry can be contacted at OHMayflowerTreasurer@gmail.com.

Reminder: If you have not yet paid your 2019 membership year dues, you are running out of time. We need to have your payment by December 26, 2018 or you will be dropped from membership.

Reminder: If you use an automatic bill paying service for your Mayflower dues, please update the address to the one on the dues invoice you receive each year.

MAYFLOWER HAPPENINGS



WR Lt. Governor Jill Parker and Dick Fetzer

On Compact Day, Nov. 11, 2018, the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I, Western Reserve Colony awarded its first Distinguished Descendant Award to long-time member Richard "Dick" Fetzer. Dick's application for membership was approved in 1957 based on his descent from Edward Doty and Richard Warren.

The Distinguished Descendant award will not be awarded annually and is based upon outstanding contributions to the field of genealogy. Dick was President of the Western Reserve Society and the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He assisted more than 150 men to prepare their SAR applications and was a longtime member of the Genealogy Committee of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. In 2008, he was awarded the Archibald Willard Award by the Western Reserve Society SAR, a lifetime achievement award for his contributions to the SAR.

Willard was an Ohio painter well-known for his "The Spirit of '76" painting

E. Paul Morehouse

Save the date!

OHIO MAYFLOWER 2019 Annual Meeting
MAY 17-18, 2019
Cincinnati Marriott North
6189 Mulhauser Rd
West Chester, Ohio



DNA

Featured Morning Speaker
Mrs. Kathleen Reed

Program Director &
Chair Hamilton County
Genealogical Society DNA
Interest Group



Cincinnati Colony

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Featured Afternoon Speaker
Ms. Brandon Marie Miller

Award Winning Author
United States History
Books include:
Women of Colonial America
Growing up in the New World

Annual State meeting information:

May 17-18, 2019

Location: Cincinnati Marriott North at Westchester off I-75. Easy access and plenty of free parking.

Registrations for reduced rate of \$129.00 - are open now and closing on May 3, 2019.

Phone number 1-513-874-7335 and ask for Society of Mayflower Descendants State of Ohio.

More info to come.

OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

" What was religion' s role in the Separatists migration to the New World?"

Year after year, American families sit at the dinner table, celebrating a traditional Thanksgiving feast. They naturally recall a familiar story of Pilgrims and their journey to the New World. This notion of gathering together distorts the true meaning of Pilgrims. Our nation's heritage was not only built on gathering, but also on separation

It all started in the sixteenth century of England; several movements had risen against the English Church. Three distinguishable groups had grown: Puritans, Separatists, and the First Baptist Church. During this time, John Calvin reformed an instituted church in Geneva that heavily influenced puritans. Puritans were considered to be conservatives who wanted change from within the church. People who had given up hope of reforming the church were called Separatists. These were a more radical sect of Puritans. They decided to separate themselves from the Church of England and form an independent congregation. They practiced the Catholic religion as they thought it should be practiced.

Separatists beliefs regarding prayer, was well spoken with preparation; for example, The Lord's Prayer. This was considered to be a model closely followed, but not copied. Scripture in the 16th century was interpreted in a metaphorical sense; scholars searched for hidden meaning. Separatists concentrated on the literal and historical possibilities, ignoring the metaphorical interpretations.

Unfortunately, Separatists quickly became unhappy with the Church of England. They believed the Church was too corrupt to be purified because they violated the biblical precepts for true Christians. The only possible explanation was to break away, and form independent congregations that adhered more strictly to divine requirements. In the eyes of the Separatists, becoming pure meant getting rid of Catholic practices. Leaving the Church became a clear and only option. Separatists returned to the simple faith of the New Testament. They practiced strictness and austerity; strongly opposing sensual pleasures and a strong advocate for propriety, modesty, and decorum.

Separatists wanted to create a new church, but the Church of England, despised the thought of "separate." Separatists believed the worship of God must progress directly from the individual to God, and "set" forms like the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer, interfered with the progression. The only exceptions were Psalms and the Lord's Supper. A conclusion was made. The best way to start a new church was to move to the New World.

These Separatists did not leave for the New World immediately. It was far too expensive. By 1608, they had fled towards Holland, escaping religious persecution. Holland was the most tolerant and religiously diverse nation in Europe. After living there for twelve years, they decided to leave. The Dutch did not honor religious restrictions enough. By 1620, Bradford and Brewster led some of the congregation and others to set sail for the New World on what is now known as, 'The Mayflower.'

The Mayflower left England on September 6, 1620 for 67 days - roughly nine and a half weeks. The Mayflower was built as a cargo ship was not made for passengers. Since there was not much room for passengers, people were forced to leave behind family members. That fact alone is a testament of how much they cared for their faith. Imagine the struggle, an incredibly cramped dark space with almost no room to live. Seasickness became rampant amongst these passengers, for they would spend most of their time drenched by the Atlantic's huge waves and violent storms. The "quarters," would be famously known as, "smelling of reeking vomit and bilge." At one point, the main mast had snapped and the thought of turning back was evident. William Bradford persuaded the Mayflower's crew to use supplies meant for the New World, as a means of repair. These Pilgrims later became the founders of the Congregational Church in the New World.

Finally, early colonists had the chance to pursue purity, not tolerance. They sought to build fervent, faith-based communities, rather than secular regimes that consigned religion to a secondary role. Sabbath services were held

twice on Sunday, occasionally on Thursdays, when special days were proclaimed. Both were observed in a manner like the weekly Sabbath, with morning and afternoon services. The Separatists reason for leaving their home country and seeking life in the New World was based on their religious pursuit of God.

Benjamin Wilt

- Benjamin Wilt

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Details on the 2019 Scholarship competition are included with this newsletter! Please pass it on to interested family members.

News for NEHGS members

Watch for your winter edition of the American Ancestors magazine. Our member Terri Brown (WR) just wrote to us that they are going to feature her Rosnagel research project in an article on German and Polish research. She has sent them photos to include with the article. Congratulations Terri!



More Book Donations

Columbus Colony member Hilda Pappas recently gave a presentation to the Muskingum Genealogy Society. While she was there at the library, she donated several books from her personal collection. This photo shows Hilda (center) with the library staff who accepted her donation.

In the past, Hilda donated a complete set of the Mayflower Silver Books to the Coshocton library. Think about making a donation to your local library!

GBOA MEETING REPORT

GBOA Meeting Deputy Historian's Report
Lee Martin, Acting DGG

The GBOA Meeting was held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois on 7-8 September 2018. I attended the Historian's Meeting on the 7th and it was very productive. With some review, Marti Bobertz introduced new tools and tips to help make Historian's jobs a little easier, such as mentioning the use of Irfanview to cut images and turn them into single pages while maintaining file integrity architecture. A lunch break was called and after lunch, the Governor General's Forum started.

The Governor General's Form started with short introductions followed with best practices given by various States on how to retain members and get them actively engaged. Later, Susan Belekewicz, Executive Director, rolled a new program to help automate, streamline and manage information for Historians. The last speaker, Former Governor General Lea Filson gave an update on the Meeting House restoration and further timeline of getting repairs and restorative work done on the Pilgrim Meetinghouse.

The big day, 8 September, was the actual meeting itself. The opening ceremony started with the Mayflower Guard, in which I participated, marched with military precision to post the colors. The Mayflower Guard consists, at present eight individuals from several States. The Guard received a thunderous applause from the audience and received many positive comments on the professionalism of all the individuals who participated. Jim Battles, commander of the Guard, encouraged members to get pictures and post on State websites to encourage recruiting, bearing in mind that both men and women are encouraged to "enlist." Jim Battles sent an email to me confirming the resounding success of our performance and will be a permanent feature of all future GBOA meetings. My attire was said to be the most authentic! Read more at www.ohiomayflower.org/blog.

Reports were given by the officers and various committees. The biggest focus primarily dealt with Meetinghouse, upcoming, planned events for 2020 and maintenance of GSMD headquarters. Fundraising continues to go well for the Meetinghouse and expect to have the funds raised well before 2020. In addition, with more grant money projected to come in from various sources, the Meetinghouse may be raised from a National Register of Historic Places designation to National Landmark; thereby qualifying for more increased grant money.

Several member States gave plans to host major events such as the Colorado Society doing the GBOA in Denver next year and Massachusetts hosting 1621 GBOA meeting in Plymouth. The next big item was the restoration of GSMD headquarters because of major roof damage during the nor'easters during the winter.

The only major item on the agenda was the overwhelming passage of two amendments that came before the EC dealing with the issue of having the GBOA change membership fees as needed to reflect current economic conditions of the time. Since the GBOA approved the amendments, the amendments will be brought before the General Congress at the 2020 meeting.



20/20 HINDSIGHT

2020 IS APPROACHING

Hope you all had a Great Thanksgiving!

The Ohio 2020 Committee has been working together since the middle of 2017 planning the Commemorative event in Columbus on May 1-2, 2020. This Fall has been a quite time for the group as much of the initial planning has been done and starting in 2019 the implementation phase will kick into action. One of my personal goals for 2020 was to get to each of the five colonies in our state to meet members and attend their Compact Day Event. In 2017 the Cincinnati Colony and Cleveland Colonies were my first visits, I am a member of the Cincinnati Colony. At both events my husband, and I were fortunate to hear and see Plymouth Plantation re-enactors. In Cincinnati was Susanna White who related her experiences on the journey and giving birth on the Mayflower, the young lady who portrayed Susanna was asked if she was a descendent and she was not, could have fooled me. Cleveland colony had one of the leaders of Plymouth Plantation as a presenter who updated the attendees on the status of Mayflower II, and then turned his back to the audience put

on a period hat and turned around as John Howland. Mr. Howland lamented the fact that his family was changing in ways he did not understand or appreciate.

The weekend of November 10-11, 2018 we took a road trip to Columbus and Western Reserve Colonies both Colonies had presentations on WWI as this was recognition of the 100th anniversary of the end of that conflict. The presenter in Columbus is a history teacher in Washington Court House and related the experiences of two WWI African American Soldiers during the "Great War". He related the history of the African American regiments that worked hand in hand with the French in their country and the recognition that the nation of France has given their sacrifice. At Western Reserve another history professor from Kent State University spoke on some of the political and military challenges during WWI and the role of President Woodrow Wilson in the US involvement. Both gentlemen made me realize how little I knew of that time in world history and how I need to be educating myself on these events.

So next year we are looking forward to traveling to Toledo for their Compact Day, which I am sure will be just as educational.

As for 2020, don't forget that if you are staying in Columbus for the event you will need to make your room reservations early. We do have a block of rooms being held and the reservations will open May of 2019. Watch this space for more details as we get closer.

Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$2.00

Send order and payment to:

Ann Gulbransen, Assistant Treasurer
2234 S. Medina Line Rd
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Beth Anderson

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

On Saturday November 3, 2018, the Cincinnati Colony commemorated Compact Day. This year the meeting was held in Moraine, Ohio at The Mandalay. This was a new venue for us. Due to the request of some of our members, the board members decided that our Compact Day luncheon will alternate between Dayton and Cincinnati. The location, staff and food were outstanding.

We started our Compact Day at 12:00 pm with some social time that allowed our members to catch back up with each other. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Clayton Crandall. The invocation for our meeting was given by Lt. Governor Shaun Smith.

As there were several new and prospective members in attendance, our Lt. Governor introduced the board members that were present to all the attendees. We performed our new member induction for Bernice Denham, Daniel Fallon and Lisa Snauffer. Each was given a Mayflower Compact and recited the Pilgrim Pledge.

Lt. Governor Smith reviewed our tentative 2019 calendar. The dates for our meetings in 2019 are listed in the calendar of events on page 15.

Additionally, there was a request to help with the Ohio Mayflower Society table at the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference during May 1st -4th. We are asking that Cincinnati Colony membership support the event by working a few shifts. The conference will be taking place at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH. If you are attending the OGS Conference, please consider signing up with Wanda Langdon or let one of our officers know that you would like to help. We are looking for as many people as possible to take some hourly slots at the table. The more members that help, the easier it will be for everyone. To learn more about the event please see the conference website. <http://www.ogsconference.org/>

Our Deputy Lt. Governor Star Vondrell gave us an update on the State Meeting that will be hosted by the Cincinnati Colony on May 17th and 18th. We would like some volunteers to assist with sending the invites

out in the month of January. We also need volunteers to assist with getting gift bags prepared and other activities.

Please contact Star if you interested in helping with the event. We need everyone's assistance to make this event a success.

After discussing the upcoming calendar, we held our Roll Call. This year Richard Warren was the Pilgrim that had the most descendants present at the 2019 Compact Day.

Our Compact Day presentation was called 'Marriage, Murder, and Madness in the Family of Jonathan Edwards' and it was presented by Dr. Ava Chamberlain. Professor Chamberlain is the Chair of Religion Philosophy & Classics at Wright State University. The presentation was very educational. Dr. Chamberlain reviewed the genealogy of Jonathan Edwards parents and discussed a few of the crimes and issues that happened in Colonial America. A key takeaway from the presentation was that we should not simply assume that if a male was married twice in a colonial genealogy that the first wife had died. We should

dig in deeper in to the court and criminal records to find out if there is more to the story. Her book on this subject, *The Notorious Elizabeth Tuttle: Marriage, Murder, and Madness in the Family of Jonathan Edwards* (North American Religions), may be found on Amazon.

Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

2018 Compact Day: The annual November 10, 2018 Compact Day buffet luncheon was held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio with 96 attendees. The speaker was Dr. Michael T. George presenting his new program War of 1812 "**The Battle of Fort McHenry**". He is the author of the Best-Selling book "My Story of America". Dr. George's website address is <http://michaeltgeorge.com/media-resources/>. Dr. Michael was the keynote speaker at the Cincinnati Colony State Assembly Day a few years ago and the



Cleveland Colony was excited to invite him to our Compact Day Dinner. His remarkable program was enjoyed by all. Dr. Michael T. George presented hand carved pens to veterans that had been awarded the purple heart. Western Reserve Colony presented their "Envoy Program" by member Terri Brown. We added a private vendor table to sell Mayflower and genealogy merchandise. Mary Kay Wilson donated a percentage of their profits to our colony and we in turn donated \$57.00 to "Pennies for Planks". Les Kramer won the one-year free membership since he brought the most guests at compact dinner last year and this year too! As in the past, we opened the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests.

2019 Spring Business Meeting: The plans are under way for the colony annual Spring Business meeting Sunday April 7, 2019. We are meeting at the Penitentiary Glen Nature Park in Kirtland, Ohio and the program will be "Halles on the Road". Samuel H. Halle, who founded the Halle Bros. Co. department store with his brother, established his summer home far from the city in Kirtland, Ohio. Besides a summer house, the Halles added other extravagant amenities including a suspension bridge, a cottage, a horse stable, a vineyard, a rose garden, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and an air strip. The suspension bridge, built in the 1920s, was one-of-a-kind in Kirtland, and connected the summer house to a small cottage on the other side of the gorge The Lake County Metro Park website is <http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/penitentiary-glen-reservation>. As always, lite refreshments will be served.

2019 Summer Event: The board is tentatively planning the June summer event at Hale Farm Park and Village located in Bath, Ohio. We will meet in the cafe and enjoy the self-guided tour of the grounds. It will be a family-oriented event and fun for everyone. More details to come in the next colony report.

2020 State Assembly Day: The colony sold the pink ribbons and Ohio commemorative pins at our State Day for the upcoming 400-year anniversary joint State Assembly Day in 2020. The colony is looking forward to the event and hearing genealogist D. Joshua Taylor's program. The colony has been assigned specific tasks for the 2020 Subcommittee. In addition, the colony will continue to sell the pink ribbons

Vickie Heinck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our Columbus Colony Compact Day luncheon was highlighted by a very interesting and informative [presentation](#) honoring the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War 1. Paul La Rue, a retired History Teacher from Washington Court House gave a power point presentation program on the war experiences of two African American officers in the Great War. Homer Lawson was the hometown soldier who lost his life in France and the American Legion Post #653 is named for him. La Rue and his students initiated a project to mark the graves of local African American veterans of this war.

After our traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and all the trimmings, our short business meeting was highlighted by Jill Parker from Western Reserve, who came in Pilgrim Costume and brought Liz Burkhart from LB Creations, who brought samples of Pilgrim clothing for sale.

Rachel Jakes was recognized as our \$1000 Scholarship winner by Dr. Janet Ebert Scholarship Committee Chairman. Jan Kleinline gave a presentation of Five Kernels of Corn. Carolyn White placed Five Kernels and a tiny scroll at each place. Hilda Pappas gave an update of the 2020 State Conference. Sharon Hendershot will make Pilgrim collars and caps for members wishing to wear them to the 2020 Conference.

Our spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Alan Davis, a new member of Columbus Colony, who will show pictures and information of his trip to Plimoth Plantation. Sharon Hendershot will provide a short presentation on 17th Century Clothing and will encourage members with Pilgrim clothing to wear it. Lee Martin, State Deputy Historian will share his experiences serving on the Mayflower Honor Guard.



Our Fall meeting will be November 9, 2019 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Susan Reid, a retired teacher from Newark. She will tell us about Johnny Glem, a nine year old boy from Newark who ran away from home in the spring of 1861 to join the Union Army. He served first as a drummer, but fought in the Battle of Nashville as a sergeant when he was 13. He retired as a Major General.

Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

Toledo Colony met on 10 November 2018 at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo. Elder David Martin included a World War I presentation in his opening prayer and remarks. He told of the veterans from Hicksville, OH, who fought in the Meuse Argonne offensive from 26 September to 11 November 1918. When they returned to Hicksville, they named a street for that battle, the only street in the U.S. to be so named.

Walter Huffer started a new tradition by explaining how, over the years, his Pilgrim ancestors migrated to his home town of Lima, Ohio. The article will be printed in a future edition of this newsletter. *Now we need another colony member to do the same for the 30 March 2019 meeting. Please volunteer.*

Three Junior Members applied for the colony scholarship. The essay topic was "Why the Mayflower Compact was So Important to the Pilgrims". Mikayla Brown was awarded the scholarship. Information about her will be printed in the next edition of the State newsletter. She was unable to attend our Compact Day meeting because she was being inducted into two National Honoraries because of her academic standing in the top 10% of graduate students across all disciplines at Texas State University. Her thank you note: "Dear Toledo Colony, I am most honored to be selected as this year's scholarship recipient. This scholarship will help me complete my Master's degree in public history at Texas State University. It is a privilege to be part of an organization that continues to support young academics, like myself. With your help, my research in the field of early American history will work to bring our founding stories to young audiences in museums.

Thank you for encouraging my passion for history!"

Speaker Mark Tomlonson, chief Engineer of WMUK at Western Michigan University, presented a power point on "Train Travel in 1916" and included some points on the use of trains in the U.S. during World War I. Train travel in the U.S. was at its peak in 1916. The Pullman Company was the largest non-farm employer of black men at that time. Rising from the Rails by Larry Tye is a good book about the life of rail porters. Mr. Tomlonson's very factual and very interesting talk was well received.



Books for possible Christmas presents were on display. Judy Rand donated If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern for the door prize, which was won by Paula Niederhauser.

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

We had a wonderful Compact Day on Sunday, November 11 at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton. The fireplace was lit and the floor to ceiling glass wall provided us a spectacular sunny view. The staff outdid themselves this year serving us with bountiful portions of traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Cousins paying their respects from other colonies were **Cleveland Lt. Gov. Vicky Heineck**, **SMDOH 2020 Chair Beth** and **Joe Anderson** (Cincinnati), **SMDOH Governor Sandy** and **Steve St. Martin** (Columbus). Treasurer **Ann Gulbransen** (Brewster, E Fuller, Hopkins), **Lee Martin** (J/J/E Tilley, Howland, T Rogers) Deputy Lt. Governor **Roberta Dodd** (Warren) and Lt. Gov. **Jill Parker** (J/J/E Tilley, Howland, Warren) dressed in historic attire. WR Friend **Mary Fuller** provided the beautiful table decorations. And each attendee received a beautiful Flanders Field / Story of the Poppy bookmark.

The theme was the 100th Anniversary of Armistice (Veterans) Day. The program kicked off the Color Guard organized by member **John Franklin** (J Chilton); he, Lee MacBride and Galen Swab were in full historic attire. **Lee Martin** read the Mayflower Compact. **Kathleen Walker** (Bradford, Brewster), our Liaison to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank, explained how our donations would be used and thanked the members for their generosity.

Andra Riffle (Hopkins, Brewster) recognized new members **Shirley Adams** (Hopkins), **Barbara Lysic** (Warren) and **Jonna Nesbella** (Warren) and **David Burnham** (supplemental T Rogers).



The Colony members then approved the changes to our By-Laws, thus eliminating term limits; this brings us in line with our sister colonies. Three vital business partners were recognized with gifts of wooden Mayflower Maize games and a “Friends of WR” membership and pin: **Alice Ross** of Banner Printing – responsible for print copies of the Buckeye Mayflower as well as printing the Mayflower Maize game and other printing needs of WR; **Tracy Herbert** of The Iris - responsible for the creative design and production of the Mayflower Maize and Ancestry Boxes; and **Liz Burkhart** of LB Creations – responsible for outfitting a number of Mayflower members around the state with historic attire. These 3 are enthusiastic about the Mayflower Society and are glad to help out with special projects and have come to our rescue more than once with

special requests.

WR member **Dick Fetzer** (Doty, Warren) was the recipient of the first ***WR Distinguished Descendant Award***. **Paul Morehouse** (J/J/E Tilley, Howland, E. Fuller) read the proclamation recognizing Dick’s love for the Mayflower Society and his leadership role in various organizations including the WR Historical Society and SAR helping more than 150 individuals with their lineage research. Read more and see a photo of Dick on page 6.

Elder **Pan Van Hoose** (Doty, T Rogers) gave the meal blessing. The staff outdid themselves this year serving us with bountiful portions of traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

After lunch Elder **Pat Van Hoose** (Doty, T Rogers) shared the story of her WWI great uncle Ed Clouse who lived to be 103. Dep. Lt. Gov. **Roberta Dodd** (Warren) introduced program **speaker Jim Seelye** who presented his WWI program. He shared insights into President Wilson’s world view, the League of Nations, the French losses and need for American intervention and the horrific conditions in the world at the time.

Pat Van Hoose gave Benediction followed by the Retirement of the Colors.

Photography was handled by **Ann Gulbransen**. Our sales table was handled by Information and Sales Coordinator **Christina Wagner** (Warren) who is a wonderful promoter of all things Mayflower!

Assistant Historian **Terri Brown** (W/M/L Brewster, Alden, P/M Mullins, Warren, J/J/E Tilley, Howland) set up the Junior member table but our new Junior Member Coordinator **Sarah Keeler** (Warren, F Cooke) took the Junior items home as she begins her new role!

The event was packed with good conversation at every table. Ten lucky attendees “won the right to purchase a centerpiece” made by Mary Fuller: Charles Beer, Lee MacBride, Sarah Keeler, Christina Wagner, Beth Anderson, Beth Toth, BJ Lysic, Jeanne Dusz, Vicky Heineck and Chris Dodd.



Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 17 2019: Western Reserve Colony spring meeting, Skyland Pines Lodge, Canton, social time 11:30 a.m.

March 23, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

March 30, 2019: Toledo Colony spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village, fellowship 11:30 a.m.

April 7, 2019: Cleveland Colony spring business meeting

April 13, 2019: Columbus Colony meeting at Kensington Place, details TBD

May 1-4, 2019: OGS Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

May 17-18, 2019: Ohio Mayflower state assembly, hosted by the Cincinnati Colony (see page 16)

June 1, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

June 15 2019: Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park, pot luck

September 7, 2019: Cincinnati Colony meeting, details TBA

September 15, 2019: Western Reserve Colony fall meeting

November 2, 2019: Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

November 9, 2019: Columbus Colony Compact Day

November 15, 2019: Great Book Signing, Western Reserve Historical Society

November 16, 2018: Cleveland Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany

November 17. 2018: Western Reserve Colony Compact Day with Governor General George Garmany

May 1-2, 2020: 2020 Commemoration, Polaris Hilton, Columbus

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

Book Donation Project

On September 18th, WR members Pat Van Hoose, Ann Gulbransen and Andra Riffle presented the rest of the Silver Book collection to Medina County library staff Lauren Kuntzman, Chris Weaver-Pieh and Christine Gramm.



On October 2, SMDOH Governor Sandra St. Martin and the Columbus Colony presented to the Marietta Genealogical Library a complete collection of the Mayflower Families Silver Books. Columbus Colony Lt. Gov. Sharon Hendershot, Director Charles Mays were also present. Mary Dellinger from Marietta organized the donation. Pictured from left to right are Charles Mays, Sharon Hendershot, Sandra St. Martin, Mary Dellinger, Lila Hill, and librarians Barbara Wainwright, and Justin Mayo.



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400 Point Challenge Sparks Conversation!

The 400 Point Challenge that was introduced in the Fall Buckeye Mayflower has sparked some great conversations! Not the least of which was **how junior members can earn points**. Well, remember, this is the honor system and we ask that you put your most creative thinking cap on. So, here are some ideas for helping junior members earn 400 points (think age appropriate): coloring a mayflower scene, doing a Thanksgiving craft such as making a turkey from the outline of their hand, watching a Mayflower cartoon, attending any Mayflower event, bonus points for being a greeter at a Mayflower event, performing at a Mayflower event (singing, saying the pledge, reading a skit), knowing the name of their Mayflower ancestor (s), writing a paper for school on the Mayflower, or entering the SMDOH or GSMD scholarship competition. And those are some ideas. See what you can come up with and share the idea with your Colony. Remember to track your points and the points of anyone wishing to participate. See the **SMDOH website for a copy of the tracking form** which you can use and modify as you wish since it is an excel spreadsheet. You can also read the Challenge description in the Fall 2018 newsletter (page 10) posted at the same site.

Sneak Peak: In the next spring 2019 newsletter WR will be asking you to submit your name along with a few other bits of information so we can start planning for the 400 Point Challenge prizes which will be awarded in 2020.