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## A message from our Governor

### Greetings Cousins!

**Behind the Scenes at SMDOH:** We all know that a lot of the work for any organization happens behind the scenes. I am so proud of our SMDOH Officers and Board members and of our Colony Officers and Board members for all they have been doing to keep our organization moving forward. And they have been busy:

- 1) Your Finance Committee** (Chair **Sandy St. Martin** and Colony Treasurers **Clay Crandall, Win Worcester, Jeff Stoll, Larry Hoyt** and **Ann Gulbransen**) have been working with SMDOH Treasurer **Larry Hoyt** to put together the next SMDOH budget (May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022). All done via email. This will be presented to the full SMDOH BOA.
- 2) Scholarship Committee** (Chair **Dr. Don Nichols** and members **Jan Kleinline, Susan Fisher** and **Vicky Heineck**) put together the requirements and forms which were posted on the Ohio Mayflower website. The topic was *"The Venture of the Pilgrims and the Merchant Adventurers"*. Unfortunately there were no applicants. Sincere thanks to Dr. Don and the Committee for their hard work.
- 3) 400<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving (and State Assembly):** Chair **Beth Anderson** is working closely with **Columbus Lt. Gov. Hilda Pappas** as well as representatives from each Colony (many of them had worked on the cancelled 400<sup>th</sup> Journey Commemoration including **Susan Fisher, Vicky Heineck, Star Vondrell, Christina Wagner Schepis** and Treasurer **Larry Hoyt**).
- 4) Special Gratitude and Recognitions:** "I get by with a little help from my friends". This has been so very true over the past year. **SMDOH Historian Ann Gulbransen** threw her back out and is still not fully recovered. What was she to do about her Historian duties? What would happen to the applications? Well, **Western Reserve Historian Terri Brown** stepped up to help with much of the paperwork and printing certificates. Terri works full time, so this was done evenings and weekends when she could drive to Ann's to help out. Thanks, Terri, for stepping up and helping. SMDOH is really appreciative.
- 5) 400<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bring the kids and grandkids:** During this pandemic our hearts have gone out to all of you, particularly to our young folks. It's now been almost a year of uncertainty and constant changes on how things are done. Not just education, but church, choirs, sports, scouts, recreation, colony meetings, birthdays and other family gatherings. In recognition of the sacrifices and resiliency of our young people, the SMDOH 400<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving commemoration will include a special Junior Member/Guest program about a child passenger. *Look for Cincinnati's Beth Anderson's 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration/State Assembly articles and book review related to our featured presenter.*



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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Wow, what a crazy year this has been! It seems like the pandemic has allowed many people to spend more time on their genealogy. Combine that with a price increase that went into effect on January 1, and we have been inundated with applications. The list of new members and supplementals will be published in the June issue, but so far in 2021, I have sent out 59 certificates! The General Society reported a record number of applications received in December—over 700!

So far in 2021, the flow of applications to the Ohio Society has slowed down. Lee is working on a large number of preliminary contacts as fast as he can when he gets reference papers from the General Society. I have been very slow at processing applications as I have been fighting a nasty bout of sciatica that had me flat on my back most of January. I am finally getting better thanks to a lot of help from a physical therapist. I owe huge thanks to Jill Parker who has been helping by running errands to the bank and post office for me and WR Historian Terri Brown who spent two Sunday afternoons packaging certificates for mailing.

*Ann Gulbrausen, Historian, Western Reserve*

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

### GSMD - National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Fund

We pledged to raise \$5,000 by December 2020 for the restoration of National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.

We did that and more. Our check was for **\$6,100** and since 2017 you have donated more than \$6,670.00,

### Congratulations on your Success!

Since the restoration is continuing, we will continue to accept your donations via mail, PayPal or credit card using the form at [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org).

Thank you for your support,

*Larry Hoyt, Treasurer*

### Come SMILE with us!

Your Amazon purchases can help fund the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio through AmazonSmile!

How does this happen? Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to our group. There is absolutely no cost to you. All you need to do is shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and use the "smile" checkout.

What do you need to do?

Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Select "Your Account" from the top navigation list.

Select the option to "Change Your Charity."

In the "Or pick your own charitable organization" search for Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio

Click the "Select" button.

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Milestones August 2020—February 2021

#### Cincinnati

Lynn Stafford – 60 years  
 Susan McCoy – 35 years  
 Theresa Okrutny – 35 years  
 James Austrow – 25 years  
 Kobi Spradlin – 20 years  
 Susan Gaede – 20 years  
 Kimberly Munafo – 20 years  
 Peggy Reid – 20 years

#### Cleveland

Nancy Smekal – 50 years  
 Victoria Brooks – 40 years  
 Christopher Standish – 35 years  
 Laura Gockel – 25 years  
 Barbara Reining – 25 years  
 Troy Bailey – 25 years  
 Rosemary Khan – 20 years

#### Columbus

Maureen Hunter – 45 years  
 Patrick Miner – 40 years  
 Cynthia Bush – 40 years  
 Marilee Morgan – 30 years  
 Brenda Sandy – 30 years  
 Allison Kingsley – 30 years  
 Samuel Lange – 25 years

Edwin Wallace – 20 years  
 Mary Linn White – 20 years  
 Alison Kahle – 20 years

#### Toledo

Robert Russoff – 60 years  
 Patricia McCarty – 40 years  
 Diana Ewald – 40 years  
 Janet Zirger – 25 years  
 Susan Fisher – 25 years  
 Karen Diehl – 20 years

#### Western Reserve

Vivian Harig – 35 years  
 Michael Harig – 35 years  
 Mary Habra – 30 years  
 Jennifer Keaton – 30 years  
 Charlotte Nesbett – 25 years  
 John Lennon – 20 years  
 Laurel Roach-Armao – 20 years



### *The Family Tree*

*(Jim Wolf)*

*One tree outlives the mighty oak  
 Because it's made of special folk,  
 Through generations changing form,  
 Providing shelter from life's storm.*

*Our parents' parents and before,  
 Who may have lived on distant shores,  
 They root our lives in memories;  
 We're nourished by their histories.*

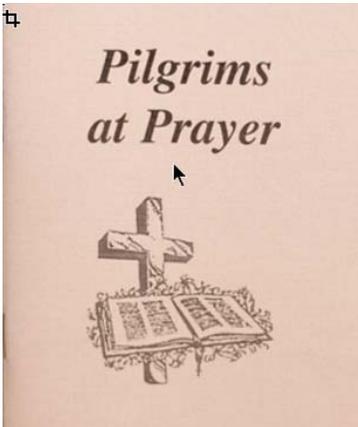
*A sturdy trunk that lends support  
 And gives us care of every sort--  
 The fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts,  
 Who nurture us like tender plants.*

*The children, branching toward the sky,  
 Have brand new dreams and deeds to try,  
 And babies, buds that seem so small,  
 Will flower so the tree grows tall.*

## BEHIND THE SCENES

### OUR ELDERS

In this issue and those that follow we will include an article called *Behind the Scenes* -a feature about SMDOH and/or Colony position or role. These positions were originally held by those who first settled Plymouth and the Mayflower Society has honored those titles by embracing them in today's organizations as well. This month we will take a look at our ELDERS.



Key Traits: Today's Elders have *compassion*; they *deliver prayers* such as invocations, blessings, benedictions; and they send condolence and other messages as needed or requested. They are easily recognizable within their Colonies because of their role and often lead annual Memorial Services for the Colony. A good resource of invocations, blessings, and benedictions for Elders is the book - *Pilgrims at Prayer* available from Mayflower Society.

Mayflower/Plymouth History: **William Brewster** (who also brought over the printing press) served as the Ruling Elder of the Pilgrim church from its days in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England to Leiden, Holland and finally Plymouth Colony until his death in 1644. Ruling Elders were responsible for the government of the congregation, but as they were laymen and not ordained ministers, they could not deliver the sacraments. Elders were often referred to as the "eyes of the church," governing and admonishing the congregation. In the absence of Pastor Robinson, who remained in Holland, Brewster preached in Plymouth. In 1649 **Thomas Cushman** (*The Fortune*, 1621) succeeded [William Brewster](#) as Ruling Elder and held that position for over 40 years until his death; Thomas married Mayflower passenger Mary Allerton.

**COINCIDENTALLY:** The Keynote Speaker at our Oct 1-2, 2021 SMDOH State Assembly / 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the First Thanksgiving is Noelle Granger, author of *The Last Pilgrim: The Life of Mary Allerton Cushman*.

Our SMDOH Bylaws state: " It shall be the duty of the Elder to officiate when called upon at any meeting of the SMDOH. The Elder shall have been ordained as an elder, bishop, minister or deacon of a Christian Church, or shall be a member of a Christian Church." In addition to invocations, grace/meal blessings, and benedictions, our Elders mail condolence cards out to member's family when notified of a death and many conduct Memorial Services once a year with a formal ceremony recognizing our Mayflower Cousins who have passed away.

In Ohio **Rev. David Foster** is our Society Elder and our Colony Elders are: **Todd Reel**, Cincinnati; **Rev. David Foster**, Cleveland; **Cheryl Bash**, Columbus; **David Martin**, Toledo; **Patricia Van Hoose**, Western Reserve. Elders may have other responsibilities in each Colony, including serving on the Colony Boards. We appreciate and thank each of them for their service to our organization.

*Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

## Got Your Mayflower Gear?

As we get ready to venture out into the public arena again, we need to be thinking about what to wear to our next Colony meeting or statewide event. As a reminder to long-time members and to our newest members, we have the following available at very reasonable prices. Normally these are for sale at the State Assembly each year (this year Oct 1/2) and often at Colony meetings as well. But for those who would like to “gear up” now, here is what we have available:

- 1) Pin Display Ribbon (\$10) - The metal banner/holder says “Mayflower and includes a draped ribbon that holds a number of your favorite Mayflower related pins.
- 2) Ohio Society Pin (\$10) – This beautiful pin is sure to stand out on your lapel, sweater or dress or displays beautifully on the Mayflower Ribbon.
- 3) Mayflower Guard – Ohio Guarantor (\$25) – this beautiful magnetic pin is our fundraiser to help finance any Ohio member who wishes to become a part-time member of the Mayflower Guard; dressing in Guard attire when Ohio is hosting a visiting dignitary from Plymouth or when Ohio is holding a special event such as the 400<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Anniversary (Oct 1-2, 2021). The pins themselves were donated so the entire \$25 goes to help members acquire historic attire as well as help offset travel expenses.

All the above items may be purchased by sending a check made out to SMDOH to Ann Gulbransen, 2134 S. Medina Line Road, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281. Please include an additional \$10 for shipping and handling (\$10 no matter how many items you order).

**COMING SOON:** Watch for future announcements of “Colony Pins” so you can show your support for not just your own Colony but other Colonies as well.

Want a commemorative framed piece of the Mayflower stamp issued in 2020? Go to [https://store.usps.com/store/product/stamp-gifts/mayflower-in-plymouth-harbor-framed-stamps-S\\_476725](https://store.usps.com/store/product/stamp-gifts/mayflower-in-plymouth-harbor-framed-stamps-S_476725) to order your own!



### Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor Framed Stamps

In Stock

SKU: 476725  
Issue Date: 9/17/2020

Commemorate the arrival of the Pilgrims off the coast of New England with this new 15.5"(L) x 11"(W) framed piece featuring artwork from the stamp pane and a mounted *Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor* Forever® stamp.

1. Format:

Black  
\$39.95

2. Choose a Quantity:

Total Price: \$39.95

☆ Save for Later

### Visited the Ohio Mayflower Website recently?

If you haven't checked in with the Ohio Mayflower Society website, [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org), I encourage you to do so. Browse around the site and you may find some interesting information. I clicked on Toledo and found that their recent Spring 2021 Colony Newsletter was posted so printed it off to read in my leisure just to see what they are doing.

## MAYFLOWER RECOGNITION

### Special Recognitions at State Assembly – October 1-2, 2021

The SMDOH BOA has created a special recognition for those members who contribute articles, reports, or updates to the Buckeye Mayflower. We thank these individuals for “*Keeping the Brewster Press Alive*” in Ohio. This year members who contributed one or more times to the Buckeye Mayflower will be recognized during the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday October 2, 2021. Below is a list of those who will be recognized. If we accidentally left your name off for the 2020 newsletters, please notify Governor Jill Parker, [ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com](mailto:ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com).

#### **Cincinnati**

Beth Anderson  
Friend Vickie Reel  
Star Vondrell  
Karl Matson  
Shaun Smith

Sandy St. Martin  
Alexander Hudson

#### **Toledo**

Susan Fisher  
Tina Cruz

#### **Cleveland**

Vicky Heineck  
Larry Hoyt  
Donald Nichols  
Bob Coltrin

#### **Western Reserve**

Christina Schepis  
Ann Gulbransen  
Lee Martin  
Anna Bristol  
Barbara Dodge Keller  
Jill Parker

#### **Columbus**

Hilda Pappas

### Recognitions to become Annual Event!

At the Ohio Society Board meeting it was agreed to set aside a special time at each year’s State Assembly to thank and pay tribute to everyone who contributed an article or update to The Buckeye Mayflower. This publication does not put itself together!! Ann Gulbransen works her wonders arranging all submissions into a wonderful publication (and does a good deal of reporting herself). At this year’s State Assembly we will recognize at least 20 individuals for their newsletter contributions in 2020. If you contributed and I missed your name, please contact me at: [Ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com](mailto:Ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com).

*Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve*



## Pandemic Mental Health Recommendations

*Elizabeth A. Finley-Belgrad, MD Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist*

1. Acknowledge that things are different right now. explain at an age appropriate level what those actual differences are that are affecting the individual/family; e.g. School on line, parent not going to work, etc (avoid over sharing adult concerns)
2. Educate at an age-appropriate level about what is actually going on-e.g. Virus that makes people sick that we all want to avoid, by avoidance, protection (masks) and optimizing out nutrition - emphasize these are actions we can do to protect ourselves, *we are not powerless.*
3. Work on developing a ROUTINE-this is actually always important, and is a key supporter for EVERYONE's mental health. Our current changes have really highlighted the essential nature of a regular routine.

These are the things that need to be part of a REGULAR ROUTINE for EVERYONE:

A. Sleep -sleep is key -do not succumb to the temptation of sleeping whenever-this is the road to more trouble.

Basic Sleep hygiene:

- Pick a wake up time that works for you and stick with it 7d/week
- 9 hrs before your wake up time, develop and do the same every night about a 30 min (3-4 step) process to give your body a clear message it is time to fall asleep. Back rubs are good, EPSOM SALTS BATHS (are fantastic for many reasons), reading, music.
- You need to AVOID -TV, video, or any screens, or any bright lights -within 90 min of bed (phones and computers often have a night setting which can help) the blue and green components of light suppress melatonin (which helps you fall asleep when it is dark)
- Unless you are already taking magnesium you should ADD MAGNESIUM 30 min prior to bed-best choice. Natural Calm (powder dissolves in water available at Walmart/amazon, any health food store). Do not use regular OTC mg oxide or Mg carbonate - not very absorbable and tends to cause diarrhea

B. Exercise-several times a day -some active movement - walking is an excellent choice, -calisthenics may be more accessible -3 sit-ups, 3 jumping jacks, 3-pushups and add an additional every day (best not too close to wind down time for bed)

C. Eating -your brain chemistry is made from amino acids and to "feel good " and "think well" you need to be providing those on a regular basis-optimally healthy proteins (grass fed meat, cage free pastured eggs, beans , nuts), healthy fats (coconut oil, extra virgin olive oil (for non -high heat purposes), avocado) and lots of green leafy vegetables-We poison ourselves every day with the processed food we eat and it leads to medical and mental health consequences.

D. Regular "Mental Down Time" -Meditation, Yoga, Mindfulness, Deep Breathing -10min of meditation has been documented to increase longevity-the data we have for the benefit of this is real and is a well worthwhile investment in you overall well-being. Families can do this together; parents can do it with their child or children-this signals the importance and also helps provide structure to get it to happen. Many free apps available to help develop a mindfulness practice. All of these options are things we "develop a practice of" no one is good at them to begin with and just beginning it the most important thing.

Easiest to begin with children is simple deep breathing. Often having them lie on their back can help and put a toy on their tummy to help them develop actual DEEP breathing -pulling a deep breath, diaphragm goes down-opening up the lungs, tummy (and toy ) go up, hold it for a few seconds and blow it out through your pursed lips (tummy and toy go down). 3 good deep breaths will kick in your automatic relaxation mechanism (Parasympathetic Nervous System) and this is what we want to work on strengthening. Start slow, 1-2min-just begin with the 3 deep breaths and get used to noticing what that feels like. As you progress, can begin to have thoughts come into your mind-gently push them away, following the breath with your mind-this is meant to be "mental down time."

Make it positive, fun and no pressure, just slowing practicing (and getting better at) a crucial life skill.

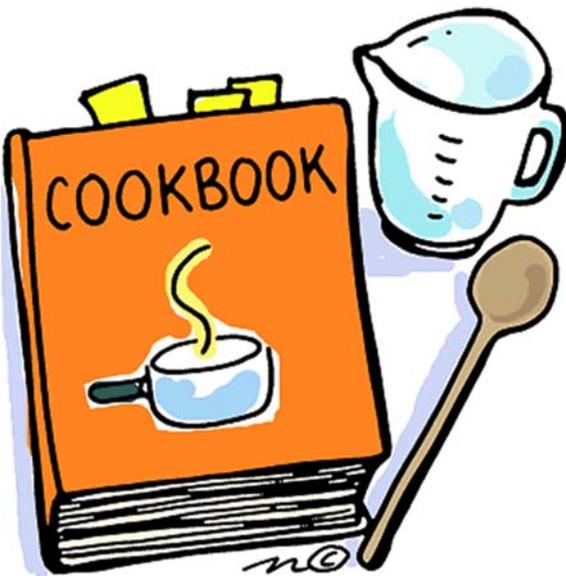
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4. Work on self expression -At whatever developmental stage you child is at. Writing feelings/poetry/life story/current life situation. Art, drawing, crafts, collage, junk sculpture, make a memory of how this all is. Make a book of stories or commentary of how your family is doing or handling this.
5. Decrease expectations. Spend time with your child/adolescent actually going through this . Work on ADL's - cooking , organizing / cleaning -together-most children under 9 are really going to need serious engagement to do their on-line school. there is no substitute for a parent or caregiver being there to do these things with them.
- G. Limit social media and news exposure. Continual repetition of worries and concerns is not helpful, avoid conspiracy theory exposure -connect with and process with your child /adolescent what they hear, see and are worried about.

## Cookbook Project

All colony members should have received information from their Lt. Governor's. This project started in January 2021 and the final day to submit recipes will be **July 30, 2021**. We are creating a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members, or spouses of our members. We are encouraging you to submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes. This will be a 3-ring binder cookbook with your recipes, and history of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Ohio Mayflower history, and history of each of our 5 Ohio colonies.



These cookbooks will be professionally published by Morris Press Cookbooks and will be available at the October 1-2, 2021 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Thanksgiving in America Celebration. After that date they will be available by mail or pick up. The cost will be \$20.00 for pickup. If you need it mailed to you, the cost will be \$25.00, which includes s/h.

If you have misplaced your username or password, please contact the Lt. Governor of your colony. If you do not have internet access, contact your colony Lt. Governor. A Recipe Collection sheet will be mailed to you and a colony committee member will enter the recipe(s) for you.

*Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony, Lt. Governor  
Cookbook Project Chairperson*

### Want to Help? Don't Wait for a Title!!

Most of our Mayflower ancestors did not carry a title or position yet they contributed to the well being of the Colony. If you would like a position within your Colony or within the State, by all means let your Colony leadership know of your interest. But you can also help by volunteering to "man" a sales or "free" items table or by helping with registration or by helping with hospitality...making sure that no one is ever standing or sitting around alone just waiting for someone to acknowledge them. And you don't have to be a member to help out. Spouses and Applicants can also volunteer to help, particularly in the area of Hospitality.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Steven Martin**, I descend twenty-six times from fourteen Mayflower passengers. My Mayflower ancestors are John Billington, Eleanor Billington, Francis Billington, William Brewster, Mary Brewster, Peter Browne, Francis Cooke, Dr. Samuel Fuller, Thomas Rogers, Joseph Rogers, John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley Howland and John Howland. I started this journey in July of 2017 with John Tilley who is my 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Great grandfather and became a member 9 December 2017. I decided to start with John Tilley because I knew that most of my Mayflower ancestors would connect into this line like pieces to a puzzle. I was persistent with my research over the next three years. I would submit a new supplemental just as soon as my last submission was approved. My final two Mayflower ancestors that were approved were William and Mary Brewster 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. All these ancestors are from my paternal side only. It is possible my maternal line still holds some secrets!

I have been asked often as to why I spent the time and money certifying everyone in each family group. My answer has never changed, and I have no regret. My answer is this, each passenger had a unique experience and life which should be remembered. I know that down the road the possibility exists that one of my cousin's may decide to join the Mayflower Society. I want them to have the choice of deciding which Mayflower ancestor that I have proven stirs their interest. I also wanted to provide them with the most complete research for their line of descent. I currently have one Cousin Laurie Mentley who has joined the Michigan Society of Mayflower Descendants under Dr. Samuel Fuller.

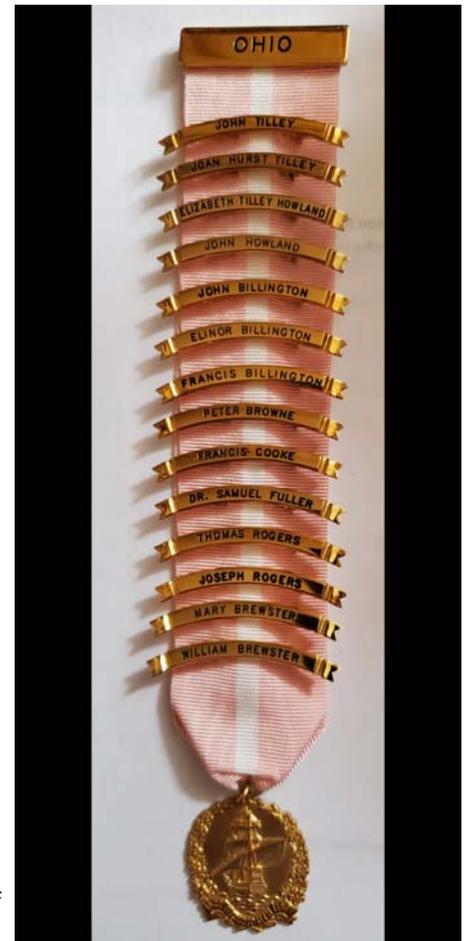
I retired from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason, Michigan in September 2012 after 25 years of service. I started in the corrections division and then was transferred to the road patrol where I worked as a Deputy Sheriff/ Paramedic. Ingham County was one of several counties that had fully licensed police officers and fully licensed paramedics. I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999. I was assigned as a supervisor over several divisions, Road patrol, Transport and Corrections. I had a rewarding career where I had saved many lives and had many great experiences. I was awarded a Bravery award, many Meritorious Service awards and several Unit Citations. I received a "Resolution" from the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for all my career accomplishments. I was blessed beyond measure to be able to retire at 46 ½ years old.

I am a graduate of the 54<sup>th</sup> Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College. I am also a graduate of the Lansing Fire Academy Paramedic School.

My wonderful wife Kathy and I had three children. We unexpectedly lost our 28 year old Son Nathan on December 19, 2019. We have two daughters Ashley 31 and Brittney 29. Our daughter Ashley and son in law Jesse have 3 boys, Caiden, and identical newborns Killian and Daxton. Brittney is not married yet, but she has an amazing boyfriend who I expect to be asking for her hand soon.

I have always been interested in genealogy and hereditary societies. I am a member of the Pilgrim John Billington Society, Francis Cooke Society, Pilgrim John Howland Society, Elder William Brewster Society, Thomas Rogers Society, Thomas Minor Society, Sons of The Revolution (Michigan Chapter) Current Registrar for SRMI. Society of the War of 1812 (Michigan Chapter). Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Past Camp Commander of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Sunfield/Lansing. Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR "Irish Rifle". I am going to try my best at completing my Founders and Patriots of America application this year, which I qualify for.

I am an avid hunter, fisherman and I love my 2004 Harley Davidson, my 1966 Chevy II SS and my 1953 Willy's Jeep. My most favorite thing though is spending time with my family.



## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

### Buckeye Mayflower - First Thanksgiving 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration

We hope all our Mayflower cousins are staying safe during this national health crisis of Covid-19. Hopefully, the country will have gone through Covid-19 vaccine distribution and immunization by mid-summer, so we clearly will have our own “great sickness” to move on from, and what better way. The Annual State meeting will also be held during this event as meeting in person in the spring will not be possible. Our celebration will be at the Columbus Airport Marriott and rooms are being held for the event. We want you to mark your calendars for October 1-2, 2021 that is when the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio will celebrate the “First Thanksgiving”. Since Thanksgiving is a family time that is what this event will be. We have planned a turkey dinner with all the fixings. The focus will be our Mayflower families and extended families. The program will have designated time for ancestor groups to get together and share stories and take pictures with an appropriate backdrop. Currently, the finance committee is reviewing the proposed budget, but the event will be less costly than the one planned for 2020. We had originally thought to get a speaker from Plimouth-Patuxet , but the price was too steep. Hilda, Jill and I decided to contact the author of THE LAST PILGRIM: The life of Mary Allerton Cushman, Noelle Granger.

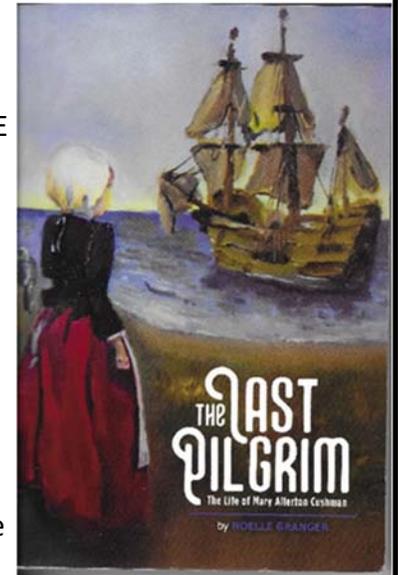


Ms. Granger was quick to respond and after emailing our request she responded that she would be happy to do this for us. Ms. Granger has an impressive resume; she is a Professor Emerita at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and after 40 years of research and teaching she began a career as an author of the The Brewster Mystery Series. She grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts and as a teenager was a tour guide at Plymouth Plantation, where her interest in Pilgrim history began. Ms. Granger describes her passion for writing Mary’s story as a five-year labor of love. She tells me she has historical clothing of the period and has

agreed to do two presentations: one for children and another for all attendees. She will base her presentations on Mary Allerton Cushman, the youngest child who boarded the Mayflower, for the children’s presentation of growing up in Plymouth colony, the roles and apprenticeship of boys and girls. For the general presentation, the role of religion in the governance of the colony, the women’s role in the health of the family and community. She will have copies of her book available for purchase and autographing. See the book review on page 14.

With the change to include children in the event we have been discussing the options for food and have decided that the Turkey Dinner would be something that children would be able to eat. So, we are not offering a different meal. The children will also get a welcome bag for them to remember the event.

*Beth Anderson and Hilda Pappas. Co- Chairs*



## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

Since the last newsletter the Cincinnati Colony officers officially met via zoom on February 13, 2021.

BOA Beth Anderson -Correspondence Secretary gave a review of the upcoming Ohio Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving meeting and Celebration planned for October 1-2, 2021. The Speaker will be author Noelle Granger, author of the book, "**The Last Pilgrim**", the life of Mary Allerton Cushman. She held the honor of being the *Mayflower's* youngest passenger and the **oldest surviving passenger of the 1620 Voyage**. Beth reported, given the subject matter, the meeting will be open to kids.\*\*\*



Our Colony was contacted by **Cincinnati Magazine**. They are going to feature a story about the Pilgrims First Thanksgiving. To Commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The interviews with the writer will take place early Spring, for their Fall Edition.

We did get several new members, which is exciting to see the interest has not waned this past year.

We discussed when and how to schedule our next full member meeting. We thought Spring may be a little early for the IRL, but will schedule another zoom get together in March/ April.

We will have an early summer (hopefully outdoor) Colony Meeting.

Cincinnati Colony sends wishes to All for a Blessed and Healthy Spring!

*Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

### News from the Cleveland Colony

**2020 Board Meeting:** We had our first Zoom board meeting November 15th and continue to have them in 2021 due to COVID-19.

**2021 Spring Meeting:** The annual Spring business meeting will be held via Zoom conferencing Saturday April 17, 2021. Jane Schleinzer the GSMD Insignia and Awards Chairman will present one of her programs to our colony. She is squeezing us in between two other programs the same day! More details to come.

**2021 Summer Event:** To be determined depending on the status of COVID-19 in the summer of 2021. More details to come.

**2021 Compact Day:** The annual November 13, 2021 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio depending on the status of COVID-19. Our keynote speaker will be Past Governor General Lea Filson and her program will be published closer to the event. Our colony is honored to welcome the Past Governor General to our Compact Day dinner this year. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and let them know we will never forget. As in the past, we will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests. More details to come.

*Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

We have not met since November 2019 due to the COVID restrictions. We are looking forward to our Spring meeting, April 10, 2021 at the Clintonville Women's Club, 3951 N. High St., Columbus, OH. Our invitations to our colony members will be emailed March 9 and due March 31. We welcome other colony members and guests to attend, please contact Hilda Pappas. We will practice social distancing and wear masks. Our Spring meeting includes a Memorial Service for those who have died in 2019, 2020. We will have Induction of 2020-2023 officers.

Our colony newsletter was posted on the Ohio Mayflower website in February. Our colony members have been busy submitting recipes on typensave for our cookbook. We've had 10 colony members submit 43 recipes and 34 books preordered. Our member, Jackie Perucki, a descendant of John Alden, and member of our colony since August 11, 2020, has authored the book "A Lost Star Named Stella". It was inspired by Isaiah 40:26 and is intended to teach little ones about God's love and care for each individual star, and by default, each individual person. This book can be purchased on Amazon.

*Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

## News from the Toledo Colony

In person meetings have been thwarted by the covid virus situation since March, 2020. We will not meet this April either, by decision of the officers and board.

We hope to see members and guests at an outdoor meeting in the summer, depending on government regulations.

Seven new members joined the colony since October, 2020. Of our 100 members, 24 live out of state. Of the 100, 34 live within a one hour drive of our usual meeting site in Toledo and 33 (including three officers) live within a two hour drive.

Colony members and preliminaries are kept informed through the [Toledo Colony Chronicle](#), with issues in spring, summer, and late fall. Please check your email for the most recent e-version, sent in early March. Paper versions were mailed to those who do not have email. The newsletter is also posted on the Ohio Society website each time.

As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Ohio Society is sponsoring a cookbook project. Toledo Colony members are encouraged to take part in this. Even those out-of-state can participate by email. A letter about the project was emailed to all members on 2/25 or 2/26. Those who do not have email received a paper copy and submission sheet with their colony newsletter, mailed in early March.

Toledo Colony members are also encouraged to attend the Commemoration of our Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving on October 1 and 2. Join with our cousins from other parts of Ohio. Check out the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Ciara Carr, winner of this year's colony scholarship. She is a sophomore majoring in English and music at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI. Ciara's Pilgrim ancestor is George Soule. For more information, see the colony newsletter.

Having trouble with application papers? We have two colony members who are willing to help you. Contact the officers listed in this newsletter or on the State website.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

## News from the Western Reserve Colony

*Mark your calendars for these events. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:*

Please join us for our March Colony Gathering! On Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> the Western Reserve Colony will gather to remember the cousins we have lost in the last year. Our event will be held at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton. Please wear your masks when you arrive at 11:45 am and our socially distanced lunch will begin at noon. Chicken or beef kabobs with rice and vegetable medley are on the menu for \$15/ adult or \$12/child (aged 12 and under). Gluten free and vegetarian options are also available. Reservations by March 20<sup>th</sup> can be made by emailing [WRColonySMDOH@gmail.com](mailto:WRColonySMDOH@gmail.com).

June Picnic: We are still determining if we will be able to host our summer picnic this year. Stay tuned!

*Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

### THE LAST PILGRIM: The Life of Mary Allerton Cushman

Author – Noelle Granger

Realization Press – 2020

The story begins in 1620 with the narrator Isaac Allerton boarding the Mayflower and describing the family's anxieties about the voyage and the concern about the delays. He relates the challenges the family faced throughout the voyage. Mary was an adventurous child who needed constant observation from her parents and siblings around the consternation she caused with the crew and passengers. Isaac continues to tell the story in the early chapters of the arrival to Cape Cod, conflicts with the Native People and the beginning of Plymouth Colony. In chapter 8, Mary Allerton becomes the storyteller and relates her experiences beginning with the Mayflower, death of her mother and continues through her early childhood as the "unsupervised child" of Plymouth colony. She is eventually apprenticed to Alice Bradford where she lives, learns, and grows to a productive member of the colony. Mary then continues to narrate the stages of her life from a new wife, mother to her later years as she watches all who were on the Mayflower with her die. Mary is depicted as a strong personality who struggled with the role of women in 17<sup>th</sup> century society. Mary worked to educate her children and others to read and write, she had an innate interest in the governance of the colony and made her feelings known to her husband, and the concerns over her father's betrayal of the colony. The nurse in me was especially taken by the way herbs were used to create "medicines" and treatments for wounds, the description of childbirth and use of the other women as midwives. *The Last Pilgrim* is historical fiction with Mary Allerton (1616-1699) as the central character and as such is not always factually correct but saying that the author incorporates enough of the history of time to make a good story. Reading this book was a trip back in time.

*Beth Anderson, Cincinnati*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Most SMDOH Colony meetings are tentative due to the pandemic and are likely to be held virtually. We now have a pro Zoom account which will allow us to have meetings online until we can resume in-person meetings. Here are some events that you might want to put on your calendars. Watch [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org) for notices of Colony meetings as they get scheduled.

**March 28, 2021:** Western Reserve spring luncheon

**April 14-17, 2021:** Ohio Genealogical Society Virtual Conference. Go to [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org) for conference details.

**September 8-12, 2021:** GBOA meeting, Plymouth, MA. Details at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

**October 1-2, 2021:** 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving & SMDOH annual meeting, Columbus Airport Marriot. See page 10 for more details.

**November 13, 2021:** Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club

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

### Book: "The Story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg"

A biography chapter book for new readers, children age 6-8. Cost \$6.99 paperback (55 pages) thru Amazon.

I purchased this book for my 1 year old great granddaughter to be able to read 5-6 years from now. RBG, as she is referred to, was ahead of her time in so many areas. I really didn't know too much about her until her death, September 18, 2020. This is a wonderful book for young girls to give them encouragement to stand up for what they believe in. We should not take lightly Ruth's accomplishments and what she did for equality in this country. We cannot fully appreciate the rulings of the Supreme Court, until they are challenged which may result in a negative effect on so many people.

*Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony, Lt. Governor*

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6) **Sharing our favorite recipes:** Most of us still have a favorite recipe book or two. The best ones I had were published by church groups or other organizations as a fund raiser. I would leisurely look through the cookbook and make note of the recipes I wanted to try. Well thanks to Columbus Lt. Gov. **Hilda Pappas**, SMDOH will be publishing, as a fundraiser, our own cookbook. You can read about this elsewhere in this newsletter and you have probably already heard from your Colony leadership as to how to contribute recipes (even those without computers can mail their recipes in for inclusion). The cookbook will also include some Mayflower History. I have already ordered enough to give as gifts (both in and out of state). So read Hilda's article, submit your favorite recipes and order enough for all your cousins!

7) **Final thoughts:** I am ready. I am ready to see you all again, in person. I am ready to give and receive hugs, handshakes, high fives and even "elbows"! I am ready to laugh together. I am looking forward to having to say "excuse me" while making my way through a room full of my Mayflower Cousins. And I can't think of a better time to do it than at the Ohio Society 400<sup>th</sup> "First Thanksgiving" Anniversary. Let's plan on it! October 1 and 2 in Columbus! Look for more articles in this newsletter and in our next newsletters about this very special event!

*Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve*

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### **Mayflower terms:**

**Great Cabin:** quarters on the ship where the master (or captain), his chief officers, and ship's apprentice lived, slept, and ate

**hold:** storage area for food and supplies on a ship

**latitude:** north–south position on a map

**rudder:** flat piece of wood attached to the stern and used to turn the ship

**'tween decks:** the space between the ship's decks where the Pilgrims lived

**whipstaff:** a lever that moves the rudder of the ship

### **Pilgrim terms:**

**breeches:** knee-length pants worn by Pilgrim boys

**coif:** a tight-fitting cap worn by Pilgrim girls

**curds:** thickened form of milk, similar to cottage cheese

**doublet:** a short coat worn by Pilgrim boys

**fowling rifle:** gun used by the Pilgrims when hunting for birds

**hasty pudding:** a type of oatmeal cereal

**palisade:** a type of fence surrounding the Plimoth settlement to help defend it

**pocket:** a small bag worn around the waist

**points:** laces used by Pilgrim boys to tie their breeches and doublet together

**samp:** a kind of porridge or corn-based oatmeal

**thatched roof:** straw roof

**waistcoat:** a type of jacket worn by Pilgrim girls

### **Wampanoag terms:**

**ahtomp:** a bow used for hunting

**fletching:** attaching the feathers to the end of an arrow

**Kiehtan:** the Creator, according to Wampanoag beliefs

**kouhquodtash:** arrows

**leggings:** leg coverings

**mishoon:** a canoe made by digging out a log

**moccasins:** soft leather shoes

**noohkik:** ground corn

**petan:** quiver of arrows

**wetu:** Wampanoag house made of bent saplings and covered with woven grass or bark