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A message from our Governor

HELP WANTED!

Help Wanted signs. We see them EVERYWHERE. Staffing shortages and supply chain issues are obvious throughout the country. But I am so encouraged by the young workers I've met at the coffee shops, restaurants and grocery stores I've ventured into. They are learning new jobs and we are patient and encouraging. The same if true about our Society. **We have 2 jobs to fill!**



Please give these positions serious consideration. You can help by joining the Board and helping to streamline our processes. Great opportunities for those who have been wondering how they might be part of the SMDOH leadership.

Ohio Mayflower Society – HELP WANTED!

TREASURER – SMDOH is looking for a member who is familiar with QuickBooks, Excel and email. We need to fill this BOARD Officer vacancy before the end of April. The sooner the better for a smooth transition. You will be working with the Finance Committee and Larry Hoyt, the Current Treasurer, will help you transition into the role. [Larry is stepping down after 3 years of service. Thank you, Larry!]

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

This has been a very busy few months for me and our Deputy Historian Lee Martin. Since the last newsletter went to press in early December, we have welcomed 20 new members, 17 of whom were initial applications and three members transferred in from other states. 13 Supplemental applications have been approved. I will publish the full list in the June 2022 issue. Lee has been equally busy building worksheets and replying to inquiries about membership.

If you have already read Jill's message, you know that we have added a Membership Coordinator to our team. Jill has appointed Edmund Trafford from the Toledo Colony to the position. Ed transferred into the Ohio Society in 2019 from Georgia where he served as Historian for a decade. To learn more about Ed, go to www.ohiomayflower.org and read the most recent Toledo Colony newsletter.

If you are wondering why we need a Membership Coordinator, let me explain. Right now, responsibility for membership activities is spread between at least four of your leadership team. Lee Martin, Deputy Historian's name is on the General Society website as the first point of contact for Ohio, Treasurer Larry Hoyt has spent many hours updating contact information for members as they paid their dues (a part of the job he did not anticipate), Vicky Heineck has been preparing membership reports for the Board of Assistants and sending updates to the GSMD Membership Manager, and I have been doing the quarterly reconciliations between the Ohio roster and GSMD.

Our vision for this position is that Ed would become the initial point of contact on the GSMD website and would route membership inquiries appropriately between Lee and me, thus giving Lee more time to focus on his primary job, building worksheets. Ed will become the primary person sending updates to the GSMD membership manager, updating our master membership database with changes in contact information and working on the quarterly transaction reports. I, in my role as Assistant Treasurer will be using reports the Treasurer can easily export from QuickBooks to import dues payments into our master roster database which then drives the production of dues invoices and reminders. This will eliminate some of the double work Larry has been doing and will make the job for the next Treasurer easier.

Ed and I will be spending some time in Zoom meetings over the next few weeks while he gets up to speed. I am confident that his experience as a historian will serve him well and that this new position will simplify tracking all things membership for SMDOH!

Ann Fox Gullbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

Ohio Society Scholarship Winner

The winner of the 2001-22 Ohio Society Scholarship is colony member Cassi Traunero! Congratulations! Her winning essay title was "What were the conflicts that existed between the Church of England and those who were members of the Separatist churches?" The entire essay can be found on the Ohio Mayflower website under Scholarship.

Ms. Traunero lives in Tiffin, Ohio, and is earning her degree in Psychology at Tiffin University. In addition to her studies, Cassi works at a music store in Tiffin. Her Pilgrim ancestor is Myles Standish. Cassi will be recognized at the annual meeting in Toledo in May. Please join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment.

Mandy Brooks, Scholarship Chair, Western Reserve Colony

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Membership Milestones—August 2021-February 2022

Cincinnati Colony

None in this time period

Cleveland Colony

John Robinson—35 years
Barbara Allen—30 years
Kenneth Rodd—30 years
Janine Granchelli—30 years
Gerald McGill—25 years
Kenneth Clark—25 years
Nancy Kewish—20 years

Columbus Colony

Mary Dellinger—50 years
Susan Battles—50 years
Margaret Kleehammer—50 years
John O'Brien—50 years
Richard Riley—45 years
Martha Noreault—45 years
Robert Ward—35 years
Robert Kidnocker—35 years
Ruby Bonecutter—30 years
Larry LeMaster—20 years
Suzanne Ress—20 years

Linda Foxworth—20 years

Toledo Colony

Sandra Vonderembse—45 years
Janis McQuiston—40 years
Joyce Hennon—40 years
Daniel Cooper—35 years
Edmund Trafford—20 years

Western Reserve Colony

Kenneth Corbus—40 years
Barbara Beach—30 years
Andrew Harig—25 years
Monica Russell—20 years
Ted Dunbar—20 years
Donald Shaeffer—20 years
Janice Farley—20 years
Robert Larson—20 Years
Margo Broehl—20 years

Congratulations!

World Crisis hits home of the Cincinnati Colony SMDOH



Cincinnati Colony member Karen Wiggins knows firsthand the devastation of what's happening in Ukraine. Her son, Christopher Rue, wife and 6 children have been missionaries in the Ukraine for over 26 years. Along with other missionaries, they are out of the country but are suffering emotionally leaving behind their church family. Some have remained to aid in the fight.

Their hope is that they can return, but there is no way to know when that may be. Please keep Karen Wiggins and her family and all who are affected by this horrific conflict in your thoughts and prayers.

Our focused intention: We **pray** for the people of **Ukraine**, for all those suffering and afraid. We pray for Peace and for our world leaders.

Thank you cousins, God Bless!

Starleyne Vondrell
Lt. Governor
Cincinnati Colony

You are most cordially invited to attend . . .

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124th Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Toledo Colony

Friday evening, May 13, 2022—Saturday, May 14, 2022

Holiday Inn and Suites
27355 Carronade Drive
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

This is your second notice of the 124th Annual Meeting for the Ohio Society. By late March, an official paper invitation and reservation materials will be mailed by USPS to all Ohio Society members who have a mailing address with **Ohio in the address**.

Members who have **another state** in their mailing address **and who wish to attend the Annual Meeting** may receive the paper materials by contacting Vickie Kuli. Send your name, USPS address, and colony to her email vsk2830@gmail.com or to her USPS address 2830 S 4 Mile House Road, Oak Harbor OH 43449-9690. Your request must reach Vickie by March 24th.

Members who have another state in their mailing address and who are not able to attend need not reply.

ANNUAL MEETING IN TOLEDO IN MAY

All Ohio Society members are encouraged to gather and enjoy relaxing times together in northwestern Ohio. Even though we are named Toledo Colony, we are much more than the city. Your gift bag will feature items from many of the 21 Ohio counties where colony members live. Both your reservations for the event/Annual Meeting and for the hotel rooms must be made by the third week in April. Specific details will be in your paper invitation.

On Friday evening, May 13, join for T3 (Toledo Talk Time), the free casual meet and greet featuring cousin conversation and delicious desserts, from 7 -9 p.m. Also Friday from 6 - 8 p.m., reserved space for 20 diners will be available for the first 20 who request a place; you will buy from the menu. The hotel restaurant and other area restaurants are available to buy your evening meal if you do not get one of the 20 reserved spaces. A saline pool is available at the hotel.

After breakfast on your own, Saturday morning offers a presentation on "The Pilgrims in Art", the business portion of the Annual Meeting, time to take your own photos in front of the SMDOH photo backdrop, and the luncheon at noon. Our featured speaker after the luncheon is Steve Bennett, who will speak on "Early Eastern U.S. Migration and Migration Trails". Steve presents often and is a member and on the leadership of other genealogical societies.

Watch for your invitation to arrive in your mail! Then reserve your spot to relax and be enlightened on May 13 and 14.

Keynote Speaker Steve Bennett



“Early American Migration and Migration Trails: 1740 to 1850”

My focus will be on the migration that began as folks started to move away from the Eastern seaboard. I am adding some extra emphasis on Ohio and the Northwest Territory.

Speaker information:

Steve joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Georgia in 2016 and transferred his membership to the Toledo Colony after moving here in 2019. His Mayflower passenger ancestor is Edward Doty.

He has had an avid interest in family history and genealogy since 1979. His interest in Mayflower ancestry began when he stumbled upon Edward Doty when researching the lineage of one of his great grandfathers.

Steve hails from Red Bank, Monmouth County, New Jersey, and grew up in southwest Florida. He is a retired US Army chaplain and United Methodist pastor. He is a graduate of Sarasota High School, Sarasota, Florida; Asbury University, AB; Asbury Theological Seminary, MDiv; and Yale University Divinity School, STM.

He is married to Madora (née Nelson), a retired elementary school teacher from Indiana. They have two married sons, Steve, Jr., a Texas attorney, and Michael, a Delta Airlines pilot, and Air Force Reserve squadron commander. Together they and their spouses have four grandchildren.

In addition to his Mayflower Society participation, Steve is the immediate past President and current Secretary of the John Hancock Chapter of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution here in northwest Ohio, and a member of the Lucas County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. As an amateur genealogist Steve has enjoyed presenting programs for genealogical groups in subjects like “Dutch Colonial Ancestry”, “Early Eastern U.S. Migration and Migration Trails 1740-1850”, “What to Do with Those Rotten Apples in the Family Tree”, “Enriching Your Family History Experience”, “The Genealogical Proof Standard and Evidence Analysis”, “Yankee Doodle: History and Folklore” and others.

MAYFLOWER HISTORY

Worth Another Look at Winter (and Fall) 2021 Mayflower Quarterly

I hope you had a chance to read the Winter 2021 Mayflower Quarterly Magazine. I read it cover to cover and really enjoyed it. Our own **Beth Anderson** (Cincinnati Colony) was honored in the GS Awards section, page 23. The **Ohio Society's Update** was about the Brewster Awards being made at the Ohio Society Annual Meeting last October and lists the recipients of this new award, page 37.

And **Dana Palmer** (CG/Certified Genealogist and CGL/ Certified Genealogical Lecturer) had a well researched article starting on page 46 titled *Connecting Robert D. Carver, a Descendant of Pilgrims Peter Brown and John Alden, to His Ancestors by Following the Money*. Dana's website is <http://www.treasuredlineage.com>. Dana's husband is Cincinnati Colony's **Andrew Palmer** (John Alden descendant). I spent 39 years in Connecticut and Massachusetts and love reading about historical/genealogical links to my old stomping grounds. But that was not Dana's first MQ article.

If you missed these articles, take a moment to go back and re-read them. Also there are stunning pictures in the magazine including one off the new Governor William Bradford statue on page 56. And in case you didn't know, at the GS Congress in Plymouth in 2017, the artist, Dee Clements, a Mayflower Descendant, asked all male descendants of William Bradford, particularly those still carrying the Bradford name, to gather after one of the meetings. Why? He wanted to capture physical facial traits of the Bradford line. Looking at these men there was incredible similarity. And, if our own **Ohio Captain Tom Bradford** had been there, he would have fit right in. There are, indeed, definite Bradford features and the statue captures those! Can't wait to visit it in person.

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Our Ancestors' World

While our ancestors were continuing to adjust to their homes in Plymouth, there was a great deal going on in the English commonwealth. The 1630's through the 1650's were a turbulent time due to the issues between the crown and their Irish subjects. As Nick Constable in his book, "Ancient Ireland" tells the story, "In 1641, believing they faced annihilation, the leading Catholic lords of Ulster began yet another rebellion...What began as a military uprising turned into the bloody attempt a revolution in which at least 2,000 Protestant settlers were murdered."

Not to be outdone, Cromwell in the 1649 with his army invaded Ireland. His troops, like many armies, desired to assert their nations will on the enemy. They also hoped to line their own pockets. Constable records that "The English infantrymen were also out to fill their own pockets after long years on campaign at home...The atrocities they carried out rank alongside the worst of any army in history. Entire towns were massacred, women and children slaughtered and... priests were hunted down like animals..."

Perhaps, this story of the atrocities on both sides were shared across and ocean. If so, what do you think, our ancestors felt?

Don Nichols, Cleveland Colony

BEHIND THE SCENES

Our Counselor

This is the fifth in a series of “Behind the Scenes” articles about those who have volunteered for a particular role or position within our state or Colony organization. In some cases these are elected positions while in others they are appointed. Either way, they represent individuals who have volunteered to help lead our organization. Many of 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 Counselor.

Mayflower/Plymouth History: Interestingly, there was no Counselor among the Mayflower Passengers. As we all know, the survival of the Mayflower depended on individuals using their skills and knowledge to help the Colony survive. Passengers came with different skills and they usually volunteered for service to the Colony.

There were a number of passengers who had some college /university education. And basic education usually included grammar, Greek, Latin, basic law, basic biology/medicine. So among the passengers:

William Brewster and Edward Winslow were printers/publishers and had strong command of language, probably including legal writings.

John Carver not only served as the Colony’s first Governor but also negotiated a long lasting peace with the Native American Wampanoag Community. Prior to that he had negotiated with the Virginia Company for land and won key financial backing for the venture.

Edward Winslow was skilled in diplomacy, forged a strong friendship with the Wampanoag Community and later defended Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colony from their opponents and adversaries in England. He is said to have been a skilled politician.

William Bradford was the Colony’s second Governor, elected almost continuously from 1621 to his death in 1657. Bradford was the head of the government of Plymouth, oversaw the courts, the colony's finances, corresponded with investors and neighbors, formulated policy with regards to foreigners, Indians, and law, and so had a very active role in the running of the entire Colony. Beginning in 1630, he started writing a history of the Plymouth Colony, which is now published under the title *Of Plymouth Plantation*. He continued writing his history of Plymouth through about 1651. Bradford's *History* is one of the primary sources used by historians, and is the only thorough history of Plymouth Colony that was written by a *Mayflower* passenger

TODAY: Our Ohio Mayflower documents state: *The Counselor shall be an Attorney-at-Law and shall provide legal aid and opinions upon matters pertaining to the Society when requested by the Governor or the BOA. The Counselor shall serve as the Statutory Agent for the Corporation and shall take appropriate action to ensure that appropriate reports are made to the Ohio Secretary of State to maintain its active status.*

Our Counselor is **Margo Broehl**, of Broehl Law Office, LLC. Her firm has been voted “The Best of the Best” in Wayne County in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. **Margo** is descended from **William Bradford** and is a member of the Western Reserve Colony.

Key Traits and Responsibilities: A commitment to our non-profit organizational status and all that is required legally to maintain that status is a key responsibility. Periodic review of our Bylaws and monitoring GSMD Board actions (to make sure we are consistent with GS) are other key responsibilities. Most recently she helped with the rewrite of portions of our documents to permit online meetings and online voting; the membership then voted to accept those changes. Being able to provide the Board with clear and concise opinions and guidance is one of Margo’s key traits. Her wonderful sense of humor is just icing on the cake!!

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Conversation Rounds

I had a series of health issues in 2020 and 2021 requiring frequent medical appointments, hospital visits and surgery. All is well and I was fortunate to be able to make all those appointments. But early on I felt moved to do SOMETHING to show my appreciation and love for all the medical workers who were often working overtime, under difficult conditions and restrictions – and they were still friendly, reassuring and focused on me, their patient.

So I worked with business woman Tracy Herbert who owns *The Iris* shop about 20 minutes away - the same woman who crafts the Mayflower Ancestry boxes we offered as part of the 400th Commemoration.

We designed and she produced what we are calling “Conversation Rounds”. They are modeled after the old fashioned wooden nickel. They carry positive messages of love and encouragement that can be carried in one’s pocket. I could write a book about the impact these Conversation Rounds have had on people. More than a few times these Rounds have turned tears or signs of frustration to smiles and, yes, hugs!



Here are a few samples of the Conversation Rounds we’ve given out. The top one was the first one made specifically to give originally to medical personnel. Notice the “stylized” HUG of a pair of arms embracing another person.

Invitation: Please share with our Mayflower Cousins any uplifting stories you have about heartwarming experiences you have had over the last couple of years. Where have you seen Hope and Love in the midst of uncertainty and disruption. Send your article and any pictures to newsletter@ohiomayflower.org for future publication

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

2021 Buckeye Mayflower Contributors

The following individuals will be recognized at the members Annual Meeting in Toledo, May 13-14 for the articles they wrote for the Buckeye Mayflower during 2021. Please check this list. If you wrote an article but your name is not listed please contact Jill Parker at ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com.

Cincinnati: Beth Anderson, Judy Overstreet, Star Vondrell

Cleveland: Elizabeth FinleyBelgrad, MD, Esther Blevins, Bob Coltrin, Vicky Heineck, Larry Hoyt, Dr. Don Nichols

Columbus: Cheryl Bash, Sue Norman, Hilda Pappas, Sandy St. Martin, Polly Thomas, Liz Webster

Toledo: Susan Fisher, Steve Martin,

Western Reserve: Ann Gulbransen, Jill Parker, Christina Wagner Schepis

ARIZONA Society: William Munsil



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

My name is Theresa Anne (Rosnagel) Brown but everyone calls me Terri. I was born 24 January 1965 in Warrensville Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio to Thomas Rosnagel and Diane Thompson. I was married in Medina, Medina County, Ohio, to James (Jim) Brown on 15 October 1994. Jim was born 14 August 1963 to George Brown and Margaret Pawlowski/Paul.

I first became interested in genealogy in 1998 as an avenue to locate two cousins who had not been seen by our family in over 20 years. One of them found me first. Without a specific genealogical goal, I then started filling in as many blanks as possible. In 2004 I was contacted by a gentleman from Texas who found my family tree on RootsWeb's WorldConnect Database. This distant cousin informed me I was descended from seven *Mayflower* passengers: William, Mary, and Love Brewster; William Mullins and his daughter Priscilla Mullins; John Alden and Richard Warren (with two lines of descent from his daughter Mary). With his help I was able to join the Society of Mayflower Descendants on 19 October 2006 as a descendant of William Mullins. Supplementals for the remaining six *Mayflower* passengers were approved between 2007 and 2012. In 2014 I discovered a possible descent from John Tilley and Joan (Hurst) Tilley, their daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Howland, all *Mayflower* passengers. The supplemental for John Howland was approved 17 September 2015. Supplementals for the other three passengers were approved in 2016. In 2016 I volunteered to mail birthday cards to Junior members of the Western Reserve Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio (WR-SMDOH). That position quickly morphed into Junior Member Coordinator. In 2018 I volunteered to be an "assistant" historian and in 2019 I became Western Reserve Colony Historian.



Terri with former Governor General George Garmany looking at Brewster's Great Book at WRHS

I was recruited into the Daughters of American Colonists by the Registrar of the George Washington Chapter, Ann Gulbransen. My application to the DAC as a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Tilley was approved 31 January 2020. My first DAC supplemental was approved in August 2020 for Charles Kibbe of Somers in the Colony of Connecticut. Charles Kibbe was appointed Collector and Constable on 4 December 1775. I was appointed Secretary of the George Washington Chapter DAC in November 2021.

I was admitted to membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution on 5 November 2020. I had the honor of proving a new patriot ancestor, Capt. Charles Kibbe of Somers, Tolland County, Connecticut. Charles served as Captain of the 4th Company or Train Band of the 22nd Regiment in Connecticut. He also served on several committees in Somers to provide men and supplies to the war effort.

Other groups to which I belong: Life Member Ohio Genealogical Society and their lineage societies The Society of Civil War Families in Ohio and Settlers and Builders of Ohio; Trumbull County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society and their lineage societies Civil War Families of Trumbull County, Pioneer Families of Trumbull County and Settlers of Trumbull County; The Elder William Brewster Society; The Alden Kindred of America; The Pilgrim John Howland Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Editor's note: In spite of working full time, Terri has gone above and beyond to help applicants not only for the Western Reserve Colony but the Cleveland Colony too. She is a great asset to the Society

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Wadsworth, OH 44281

NEWSLETTER CO-EDITOR – SMDOH is looking for a member who enjoys putting together a newsletter.

Work with other Co-Editor, Ann Gulbransen, to learn procedures, format newsletter, email 4 editions a year. This can be done from home on your own time. Several pages are recurring and need just be updated periodically; send out reminders quarterly to remind BOA members to submit reports. Copy articles submitted by member contributors and paste into the newsletter.

If interested, please contact Co-Editor Ann Gulbransen, at newsletter@ohiomayflower.org

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At our March 5, 2022 meeting, your Board of Assistants approved the creation of a new position, that of Membership Coordinator. This is a position that exists in many Member Societies and we felt that it was time to centralize membership tasks into a single position instead of the scattered responsibilities we now have in place. The Membership Coordinator will work with Historian Ann Gulbransen to become familiar with the Ohio Mayflower database and the responsibilities of this position. A primary responsibility will be to handle / redirect email and USPS inquiries from members and non-members alike, briefly responding in certain situations and forwarding other emails to the appropriate individual for handling (in most cases this will be Historian, Deputy Historian or GSMD Membership Manager). The Coordinator will keep our master roster database updated with changes such as email, address, and phone numbers. There are a few monthly and annual summary reports which will need to be generated from the database and sent to appropriate Leaders at SMDOH, Colony and GSMD levels plus reports for every BOA meeting.

We had started advertising the possibility of this position several weeks ago and are happy to announce that Edmund Trafford from the Toledo Colony has been appointed to the job. He and Ann will be meeting via Zoom over the next few weeks so he can learn the details of his new role. He comes to us with 10 years of experience as a state historian in his former home of Georgia. To read more about Ed, go to www.ohiomayflower.org and read the Toledo Colony spring newsletter where he is the member spotlight.

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony



If you have been reading the stories in your Mayflower Quarterly, you know that the General Society has been publishing new Silver Books and that there are more on the way. Over the last few years, SMDOH has donated sets of the books to libraries around the state. Most of those sets are now incomplete as we have not gotten the newest books to the libraries. Your BOA has budgeted funds to get the three newest books to the libraries that don't have them yet. Last quarter, we sent books to Cincinnati and the Hayes Presidential Library. I have a box of books ready to take to the Ohio Genealogical Library in the next month or so.

For the next quarter, we have selected Toledo, Wayne County and Dayton as the next recipient libraries. I will be ordering the books in the next couple of weeks and once they arrive, will be coordinating with the members who have been liaisons for the libraries to get them donated. We will pick three more libraries at our summer BOA meeting and then finish the donations towards the end of the year.

Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

Winter Greetings from Cincinnati Colony!



We've added 5 new members to our Cincinnati Colony since November. Yea! Welcome all!

Election of Officers for 2022-2023 Installation November 6, 2021

Officers:

Starleyne Vondrell	Lt. Governor
Nancy Little	Deputy Governor
Beth Anderson	Corresponding Secretary
Wanda Langdon	Recording Secretary
Clay Crandall	Treasurer
Carol Byrd	BOA (appointed by Lt. Governor)
Sue Bray	Historian
Todd Reel	Elder



Todd, Clay, Sue, Star, Nancy, Wanda, Beth

It was suggested to submit an article to the Cincinnati Enquirer prior to the OGS in Mason, Ohio. April 28-30 at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason. Article would include Mayflower Society information with interesting details informing people about its purpose. Including Ohio, Cincinnati organizations. Any & all ideas welcome. Contact me, Star mstestvon@gmail.com

The Colony Officers met via Zoom February 7, 2022.

Our next dates for all member IRL meetings:

April 23 Fricker's in West Chester

July 30

Compact Day November 5, 2022

Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

Meetings: The colony continues four board of assistant's meetings and one annual business meeting in 2022. We plan to hold hybrid board meetings in 2022.

2022 Annual Business meeting: The colony annual business meeting is targeted for Saturday April 23, 2022. To date, the board is in the planning stage and more details will follow. We do plan to have a hybrid meeting.

2022 Summer Event: TBD.

2022 Compact Day: The annual 2022 Compact Day buffet luncheon event is scheduled to be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 12, 2022. 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 again in 2022 since we cancelled the event the last two years. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and we will never forget.

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

I had sent a Bcc to all colony members who had email for a Birthday Card Shower for Lila Hill who was 100 on January 9, 2022. She responded with a very nice thank you note indicating she heard from some members who she hadn't had contact with for several years and found 4 new "Brewster cousins".

Our next meeting will be our Spring Meeting on April 2, 2022 at Clintonville Woman's Club. We will have our Necrology Service. Our program will be that attending members will give a 1-2 minute piece of information about their Pilgrim Ancestor that others may not know.

Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

The spring edition of the newsletter *Toledo Colony Chronicle* is available on the Ohio Society web site. Both the e-version and the paper version have been distributed by now. Go to the web site for detailed articles.

The colony spring meeting will be on March 26, the last Saturday in the month, at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo (off Rt. 20/S. Reynolds Road). GPS coordinates N41degrees 36.634" W83 degrees 40.204." Drive along the left side of the building and enter at the last portico. Fellowship begins at 11:30; meal at 12 noon. Peter Wilhelm will present on Native People of Northwestern Ohio. For reservations by March 22, Tuesday, contact Jeff Stoll at willowcove@lighthouse.net or by telephone at 906-440-5088 or mail to 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo, Ohio 43611

Toledo Colony is hosting the Ohio Society Annual Meeting on May 13 and 14 in Perrysburg. Colony members are urged to attend and to volunteer to help with final details. Call Susan at 517-238-5302 (landline with Voice Mail) to volunteer.

News that broke after the colony newsletter was distributed: Congratulations to colony member Cassi Traunero being awarded the Ohio Society scholarship! The essay title was "What were the conflicts that existed between the Church of England and those who were members of the Separatist churches? Cassi lives in Tiffin, Ohio, and attends Tiffin University. She works at a music store in Tiffin as well as continues her studies. Her Pilgrim ancestor is Myles Standish. Cassi's mother Andrea is a colony member also. Cassi has already volunteered to help with the May Annual Meeting. Congratulations, Cassi!

Elections have been postponed to the November colony meeting. See the colony newsletter on the State web site for positions that need filled.

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:

Sunday, March 13th: Please join us for our Spring Meeting: Speaker is Dan Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition "Ohio & Erie Canalway: Creating a Legacy for Future Generations." We will also have our Memorial Service

Saturday, June 11th: This is the date we have on the books for our picnic. We are looking forward to having this event back this year! Greentown Community Park in Uniontown at noon. No charge. Bring side dish or dessert and your place setting if you are able. Great fellowship and activities with our cousins!

Sunday, November 13th: Please join us for our Compact Day Celebration. More details to come.

Our November meeting will be the election of our officers. Please let any Western Reserve Board Member know if you are interested with helping the colony! We are specifically looking to fill the following positions: Lt Governor, Deputy Lt Governor, Elder, and Junior Member Coordinator.

Western Reserve Colony

Officers 2020-2022

Lt. Governor – Christina Wagner Schepis

Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen

Elder – Pat Van Hoose

Junior Member Coordinator – vacant

Deputy Lt. Governor – Sarah Keeler

Historian – Terri Brown

BOA Representative – Mandy Brooks

Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony

Surgeon's Corner

We have continued to be surrounded by Covid-19. There have been lots of twists and turns in our journey over the last 2 years. We have been through many phases and have heard many different opinions and watched many different strategies being applied around the world.

We are still wearing masks, though not all of us, many have gotten vaccines, though not all of us. We are not completely clear what to make of it all. Many people are still feeling a need to stay far away from others and others are behaving as though there are no restrictions needed.

It looks like things are generally getting better. With less deadly virus variants, it is unclear if anything besides good nutrition (avoiding processed foods), good hydration and optimizing sleep, handwashing and staying away from crowds really makes a difference.

I think we can all agree that all the change and uncertainty has been stressful. I think we are all experiencing stress, no matter what we believe about the virus and the best way to respond to it.

Keeping connected to others is reliably a good choice—we are a social species. Take advantage of electronic options, zoom, cellular phones—face time and social media can help.

We all do better with a routine or schedule. Getting sun when possible, physical exercise every day is needed.

Regular eating -providing a regular source of protein is necessary for healthy brain chemistry.

Developing a regular practice of gratefulness is one of the best options to protect us.

In any situation where you feel stressed you can identify something that would make it worse and be grateful about your situation. The more we pay attention to the things we are grateful for the better our mindset will be. It is habit forming, it is something you can cultivate. It is well worthwhile keeping an eye on our thoughts and if stressed or negative, identifying something that is just a bit better. Human beings can control what we think about and it is without a doubt worth paying attention and working on cultivating positive thinking.

Research indicates that simply writing down three things that we are grateful for each day for twenty-one days, can [increase acts of generosity that last for months.](#)

[Gratitude has been shown to help with both](#) sleep and immunity, and may even be linked to [reduced pain and improved cardiovascular health](#) as well.

Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, MD. Cleveland Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 13 2020 – Western Reserve Spring Meeting. Chateau Michele
- March 26, 2022—Toledo Colony spring meeting, Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village
- April 2, 2022- Columbus Colony spring meeting. Clintonville Woman’s Club
- April 23, 2022 – Cincinnati Colony meeting at Fricker’s in West Chester
- May 13-14, 2022 – SMDOH annual meeting, Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, OH
- June 11, 2022—Western Reserve Colony summer picnic, Greentown Community Park
- July 30, 2022 – Cincinnati Colony summer meeting
- November 5, 2022 – Cincinnati Colony Compact Day
- November 5, 2022—Columbus Colony Compact Day, tentatively
- November 12, 2022—Cleveland Colony Compact Day
- November 13, 2022—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

William Brewster, Cambridge Radical and Servant to the Queen

William Brewster is remembered for the part he played in the establishment of the Plymouth Colony during the latter years of his life. If not for the fall of an important mentor in his youth, his life might have taken a vastly different path.

William Brewster’s early years were spent in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England. His father, also named William Brewster, was the bailiff of Scrooby Manor which was one of the properties owned by the Archbishop of York. He also held a much more lucrative position as the master of the Scrooby station of the Royal Post. This income allowed the father to invest in his son’s education. William attended the local grammar school to study Latin. By the time he enrolled in Cambridge University in 1580, he was already proficient in the language, which was necessary for anyone who aspired to a professional career in that era.

While at Cambridge William was exposed to radical ideas concerning religion. Puritan and Separatist beliefs were espoused by some of his fellow students. Some of these men were executed later in life for their beliefs because they were in opposition to the established state religion. Obviously, William took some of these beliefs as his own as later events in his life demonstrated.

Although he did not earn a degree from Cambridge, his experiences there and the contacts he made were critical to his success in gaining employment with William Davison, a Puritan who was a secretary and diplomat in the court of Queen Elizabeth I. In the mid-1580s, Brewster traveled with Davison to the Netherlands. They were on a diplomatic mission for the queen that lasted several months. The knowledge and experiences he acquired there were of use later when the pilgrims went into exile.

Brewster might have had a career in government and diplomacy if his mentor’s career had not faltered. Davison and Brewster returned to England at the time of the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots and were with Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle. Although Elizabeth deemed it necessary for Mary to die for her own security, she was of two minds about it for two reasons. Mary was an anointed queen in her own right as well as being a potential heir to England’s crown. After Mary’s execution, Elizabeth soothed her conscience by making Davison the scapegoat in the affair. He was dismissed from her service and lived the rest of his life in obscurity. At this point Brewster returned to Scrooby and became involved in the Separatist movement that eventually led to a life in America.

Cheryl Bash, Elder, Columbus Colony

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