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A Message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins!

Thank you Lt. Governor Susan Fisher and the Toledo Colony for hosting a wonderful Annual Meeting. Nearly 70 members, applicants, spouses and friends attended the Friday evening and Saturday events. Many stayed overnight at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg so they could enjoy both days. The hotel arrangement were perfect for both informal and formal gatherings.

The "SMDOH Annual Meeting" supplies, equipment and materials were repacked and handed off to WR Lt. Gov. Christina Wagner Schepis and her husband Nick for transportation to Western Reserve Colony as they begin planning the 2023 Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 5-6.

For me the highlight was the amount of socializing taking place on both Friday evening and Saturday. We met cousins we didn't know we had; the Warren "Cousins" had the most descendants in attendance. We recognized the most recent member to join – believe it or not, it was William Bradford (yes, descended from William Bradford) from the Toledo Colony. He was born in Alaska, before it was a state. He was thrilled to be at the meeting.

I met a member who had lived in Hartford, Connecticut and we had great stories to share about that city – I taught high school math there for 13 years...my classroom being a "portable" room nestled between the high school (out one side) and Mark Twain's home and Harriet Beecher Stowe's homes out the other side.

Ed Trafford gave a wonderful slide/PowerPoint presentation featuring Pilgrims in artwork. Stephen Bennett showed us the common migration routes taken from New England/East Coast to the Midwest. He showed how genealogical documentation could be "plotted" on a map to mark the routes families took to more into the interior of the country.



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CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New Members December 1, 2021-May 31, 2022

Cincinnati Colony

Rebecca Appenzeller, 12th from William Brewster
 Amanda Leimbach, 13th from Edward Doty
 Jonathan Messmore, 13th from Edward Doty
 Randie Pettigrew, 12th from Edward Fuller
 Karin Sullivan, 12th from Stephen Hopkins
 Robert Waters, 12th from William Brewster
 Transfer-in, Heather Willis, 11th from George Soule

Cleveland Colony

Kathleen Coltrin, 12th from George Soule
 Ruth Fiordalis, 12th from Edward Fuller
 Judith Hempel, 12th from Richard Warren
 John Nichols, 11th from John Alden
 Michael Norman, 13th from Francis Cooke
 Christopher Tomshack, 12th from Richard Warren
 Gaynelle Voreis, 11th from Francis Cooke
Dual Membership
 Lois LaGruth, 12th from Stephen Hopkins
Transfer-in
 Kathryn Hoyt, 13th from William Brewster

Columbus Colony

John Beam, 12th from Francis Cooke
 Linda Crannell, 11th from Mary Chilton
 Steven Kelley, 13th from Edward Fuller

Matthew McQueen, 13th from William Brewster
 Kenneth Smith, 11th from John Alden
 Christine Stevens, 15th from William Brewster
 Andrew Hagmeier, 13th from John Alden
 Ella Montgomery, 12th from John Alden

Toledo Colony

William Bradford, 10th from William Bradford
 Barbara Mitchell, 12th from William Bradford
 Monica Rowley, 14th from Edward Fuller
 Richard Szakovits, 11th from Richard Warren
 Franklin Weaver, 14th from Thomas Rogers
Transfer-in
 Kenton Quint, 12th from Richard Warren

Western Reserve Colony

Patricia Van Norman, 12th from William Brewster
Transfer-in
 Louise Nelson, 12th from John Alden

Congratulations!

There were no new junior members this period. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to enroll, go to www.ohiomayflower.org and click on the Forms link in the Membership Info menu and look for the junior form.

Supplementals approved

Cincinnati Colony

Jean Morrison	12th from Elizabeth Tilley
Jean Morrison	12th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Jean Morrison	12th from John Tilley
Kristen O'Neil	14th from Susanna Chilton
Kristen O'Neil	14th from Francis Cooke
Kristen O'Neil	14th from James Chilton
Lisa Snauffer	14 th from Francis Cooke

Cleveland Colony

Robert Coltrin	12th from Constance Hopkins
Robert Coltrin	11th from Stephen Hopkins
Robert Coltrin	12th from Giles Hopkins
Paul Forsyth	13th from Richard Warren

Toledo Colony

Phyllis Zibbel	13th from Richard Warren
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Western Reserve Colony

Richard Reutzel	14th from William Mullins
Richard Reutzel	13th from John Alden
Richard Reutzel	14th from Richard Warren
William Kempton	11th from William Brewster
Carl Swanson	13th from William Brewster
Carl Swanson	13th from John Billington

TO THOSE WHO SHARE THE PILGRIM/MAYFLOWER INTIMATE CONNECTION

During the meeting of the Board of Assistants on May 14, each of the officers gave a report on their area of responsibility. Serving now as Past Governor, I felt moved to reflect on issues regarding the current moods widespread in our country, with the Mayflower Compact and the Pledge to our national flag in mind.

The Pilgrim's, those of the Separatist contingency, knew of the power of the monarch, with both Mary and Elizabeth causing the deaths of some of those who opposed their mandates. Total power in the hands of the leader was and is an abomination. I felt at the time I spoke, and still do, that we with the heritage of the vows made in both the Compact and to the flag should be speaking out on the values espoused therein. In the Compact, put together by those who had difference of opinions and values, what was achieved is something worth guarding. The Compact asserts that "those present...covenant and combine ourselves...for our better ordering and preservation...constitute and frame such just and equal laws...as shall be thought most meet(proper)...for the general good of the Colony...". They acknowledge that what they were doing was "for the glory of God." In our pledge to the flag, we "pledge to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all".

It appears to me that in the present day we need to speak out from a position, as followers of both a flag and an historical document, the dignity of ALL and to seek ways to bridge the gaps between what we believe and how we behave toward one another. Perhaps in our politics, we need to do all for the "glory of God" as did our ancestors.

Agape,
Rev. Dr. Donald N. Nichols
Past Governor

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Cincinnati Colony

George Shillington, descendant of John Alden and Samuel Fuller. Born 10/1/1937, died 10/25/2021, elected 7/24/1985

Columbus Colony

Alison Kahle, descendant of William Brewster, born 4/5/1959, died 12/26/2021, elected 10/14/2000

Helen Carlisle, descendant of Edward Fuller, born 3/13/1929, died 12/28/2021, elected 12/7/2013

Toledo Colony

Sharon Bannister, descendant of George Soule, born 2/27/1942, died 12/4/2021, elected 7/19/2006

Walter Huffer, descendant of Richard Warren, born 5/27/1927, died 1/3/2022, elected 6/4/2005

Frank Brewster, descendant of William Brewster, born 11/15/1942, died 2/3/2022, elected 5/1/2014

Western Reserve Colony

Ted Dunbar, descendant of Richard Warren, born 4/14/1925, died 11/9/2021, elected 10/13/2001, served as state Deputy Governor

If you are aware of the death of any Ohio member not reported here, please email membership@ohiomayflower.org to update our Ohio records and pass the information on to the General Society

Keeping it Simple Keeps it Enjoyable!

By Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

I have had the opportunity to travel the state to visit all five Colonies at their gatherings. The speakers and luncheons have all been wonderful. Most enjoyable has been the “social” time: meeting members, particularly new members, applicants and especially members who see the gatherings as a sort of family reunion where they (1) feel welcomed, (2) can find support for whatever is going on in their lives, (3) give support to others who perhaps need a fresh smile, and (4) just plain catch up with each other to share news of what’s going on in their Colony or in the Ohio Society.

I hear the same observations and thoughts from the Colony leaders:

- 1) While they weren’t sure what to expect in service to the Colony, it turned out they were up to the challenges. In other words, it was easier than expected.
- 2) While there were always surprises at meetings or between meetings, there were always “cousins” to help them. We all want to succeed, and we want others to succeed as well. We have our best successes when we work together.
- 3) Plans don’t always go the way we envisioned. Extra people show up, a speaker had to cancel last minute, the Elder was delayed and wouldn’t arrive until after the invocation (who can we get to give the invocation?), and so forth. No worries, move on to Plan B, Plan C, Plan D, or even Plan M for Mayflower! Whatever plan we end up with works out just fine. No panic, just Change Course. Ha! Just like our Ancestors!

Certainly our Mayflower ancestors were far from Plan A by the time they gathered for what we now refer to as the First Thanksgiving. They went with the flow, kept things as simple as they could, did not overthink what they were doing, and shared responsibilities. Each person doing what he/she could to help Plymouth Colony.

And I have found much the same in my visits around the state – members stepping forward and volunteering in whatever ways they can, knowing they can find help from their cousins whenever they need it. Thanks to all who are serving as leaders, to those who volunteer to help the leaders, and to those who are ready to step forward to say, yes I’d be honored to serve as a Colony leader. Let your leaders know if you are ready to help! New faces, new ideas are welcome.

As many of you have come to know, I’m always looking for and listening for the word Mayflower of Pilgrims to pop up. The first time one such word appeared was on NOVA, the TV program. During a program on cats, a woman was explaining about the origins of cats and explained even the Pilgrims brought a cat with them to Plymouth. She reported it was a “Main Coon” and that it had long hair. Also while watching the series on “Country Music”, a program put together by Ken Burns, Dwight Yoakam was speaking about the plight of all the “dispossessed” persons in the world. He noted that those of the “Mayflower” could be numbered among those who would fall into such a category.

Agape, Dr. Donald N. Nichols
Past Governor

Member Spotlight

Beth (Fanning) Anderson

Cincinnati Colony

I was born and grew up in Salem, Massachusetts the oldest of Richard T. and Mary Ann (Wright) Fanning's eight children. My dad's parents immigrated in the early 1900's, from Waterford County in the south of Ireland and our paternal great-grandmother was from Northern Ireland. But we never knew we had a Mayflower Ancestry. For reasons of her own my mother never acknowledged her maternal ancestry, she may not have known? It was the early 50'S and family history was one generation back; genealogy was for rich people. But in hindsight I think she did have some idea as she never had anything good to say about the Mayflower ladies! Yes, there is a story here.

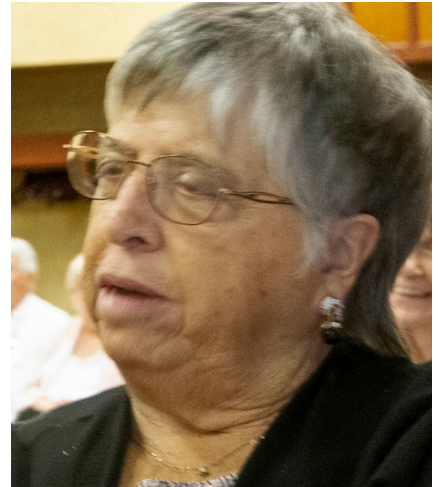
After High School I joined the Women's Army Corps, as it was known in 1963, and was trained as a medic in El Paso, Texas, then to advanced training in Denver where I met and married my husband Joe Anderson in 1965. We did serve some time in Frankfurt Germany, where our tour was cut short when Joe got orders for Vietnam, and I was expecting our first child, she was born at Ft. Hood Texas. We had two children, Kathleen, and Gregory, and now 7 grandchildren and to date one great grandson. Joe, who was born in Dayton, and I have lived in the Dayton area for over 50 years. And I have come to feel more like a buckeye than a Salem witch.

I had always wanted to be a nurse and was able to continue my education using the GI Bill for LPN and Associate Degree RN from Sinclair University, to a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing, from Wright State University. I loved my work, especially working with patients and families in highly stressful situations. After I retired in 2010, I did some teaching at Wright State University in the College of Nursing.

While on vacation in Florida in 2001, and at my mother's request, Joe and I met with a lovely woman, Faye, who turned out to be a first cousin to my mother. Well, that was a surprise as I thought I knew her family and she had no cousins! Faye and her husband were very much into genealogy and had validated a Mayflower link that was always a family story, but never had the data reviewed by the Mayflower Society. She shared information on my grandmother that she indeed did not die in 1928 but had left her husband and family and no-one knew where she went, not even her parents. I have learned since that my grandmother had been living in the Pocono's and died in 1983. Faye shared a printed genealogy lineage that did go back to Thomas Rogers and Stephen Hopkins. I was intrigued but since I was still working as a Chief Nursing Officer for a rehab hospital was low on my priority list. But once I retired in 2010, I was able to satisfy my curiosity on the topic of being descended from the pilgrims.

On a trip back to Salem, in 2012, for my 50th High School reunion we made a side trip to the Mayflower Library in Plymouth and after a discussion with the librarian I was on my way, maybe. Using the data given to me by Faye I sent in the Lineage Review and was told I did not have a pilgrim line, I was disappointed. Then I realized I had skipped a generation, rookie mistake. When I resubmitted the review, I was told I had three lines and added William Brewster. It took me a while and some digging to get my grandmothers death certificate from New York I did my first submission with William Brewster and was so excited when it was approved in 2013. I have since validated Mary Brewster, Thomas and Joseph Rogers, Stephen, Giles, and Constance Hopkins. I also supported membership for my children and grandchildren, and siblings.

When I joined the Cincinnati Colony in 2013, it was during a leadership transition time, the new Lt Governor Doug Van Der Zee was looking for volunteers for the board, I volunteered to help and accepted a role as the historian. The first year was a learning process for me, that grew into a true appreciation of our Mayflower Ancestors. I wanted to know more about the society and became the BOA representative. I enjoyed meeting and working with the board members and learning about how the society functioned and in 2016 when Ohio Governor Sandy St. Martin asked for someone to



lead the 2020 celebration, I volunteered with the backup of the then Cincinnati Colony Lt. Governor Shaun Smith, and member Peggy Reid. Planning this event that included participation from all five colonies was close to a six - year journey that would prove to be a fun challenge in many ways and then in March 2020 Covid stopped everything. Now what? At the request of now Governor Jill Parker and the partnership of Columbus Colony Lt. Governor Hilda Pappas we planned for a smaller but successful event in 2021.

In the nine years I have been involved with Cincinnati Colony and the larger state group I have met a terrific group of people, that I now call friends. Recently I was able to help mentor some of the Cincinnati Colony leadership by just being available to answer questions and support them. I feel I have been a productive member of both the colony and state leadership and have volunteered to do whatever was needed for both to be successful. Last year I stepped away from the BOA in part to allow other members to have the same privilege of being involved, but I am still active in the Cincinnati Colony as the Corresponding Secretary. In closing I would encourage any new member to become involved early and help where you can. It's important for any organization to stay relevant and adapt to the changing times, and more importantly keeping the history of the Mayflower Passengers alive.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio – Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been formed per the bylaws of the SMDOH for election of **Statewide officers to begin serving in 2023**. Names of those being nominated for state officers will be going to the Board of Assistants around May 2023.

Nominations are still open, and I wanted to share a brief description of the offices and duties:

Governor – Preside at all meetings of SMDOH and the BOA, perform other duties as pertains to the chief officer of an organization and serve as ex-officio (without vote) on all committees except nominating committee.

Deputy Governor – Serves as the Governor during absence, disability or refusal to act and when doing so has all the powers and restrictions of the Governor.

Corresponding Secretary – Notifies members of meetings, conduct the correspondence, email the report of the nominating committee in ballot form and any proposed amendments with notice of the Members Annual Meeting, transmits to the Secretary General of the Mayflower Society number of Ohio members and other requested information.

Treasurer – Collect all fees and dues, disbursements, and charge of all funds under the direction of the BOA, payments to Colonies, payments to the GSMD, cooperate with the finance committee. This position is vacant, other BOA members have taken on the duties until this position is filled.

Historian – examine and report to the BOA on all candidates for membership, responsible for master copies of all applications, submit report to the treasurer on payments made to GSMD for membership.

Deputy Historian – assist with the duties of the historian as assigned by the BOA

Elder – be an ordained elder, minister, deacon of a Christian Church or a member of a Christian Church, officiate at Society meetings.

Captain – maintains the flags, insignia and other property of the Society

Surgeon – be a physician or other health professional meeting the requirements of the State of Ohio

Counselor – Attorney at Law and provide legal aid and opinion when requested by the SMDOH, serve as Statutory Agent for the corporation, ensure that appropriate reports filed with Ohio Secretary of State to maintain its active status.

*Anyone interested in serving as an officer for the state of Ohio or nominating a member to serve, needs to send me the name, position interested in serving, address, contact **information by July 10, 2022**.

The candidates for all offices will be printed in the **December 2022 Buckeye Mayflower. Ballots will be mailed to all members in early 2023.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this very important Society business.

Starleyne Vondrell Nominating Chair Lt. Governor Cincinnati Colony mstestvon@gmail.com

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Our Surgeon, Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad updated us on the latest medical findings and recommendations regarding our health, especially the role that elevated levels of uric acid play in disease. She explained the benefits of intermittent fasting (confining our eating to an 8-12 hour window). She also donated many copies of the book "How to Make Disease Disappear" by Dr. Rangan Chatterjee. Thank you to our Surgeon for reminding us what we can do to improve our health!

Our Captain Thomas Bradford brought our flags as well as a replica of the Mayflower ship (donated a few years ago by Dr. Don Nichols); I am amazed by "our" ship. So glad my ancestors were hardy folks. Thanks Captain.

And Deputy Governor/Deputy Historian Lee Martin donned his Mayflower Guard historic attire to remind us what we once wore! Thanks Lee.

KEY UPDATES from the Board and Annual Business Meeting:

- 1) We are pausing our search for a state Treasurer. Our two assistant treasurers – Mary Chase and Ann Gulbransen will jointly fill the role for this year as they modify and refine procedures. Stay tuned...
- 2) We welcomed 3 people who answered the call to serve on the Board in appointed positions:
Nancy Little, Cincinnati Colony, is Co-Editor of the Buckeye Mayflower, working with the other Co-Editor, Ann Gulbransen. She will also help Ann with the website.

Ed Trafford, Toledo Colony, is the Membership Coordinator.

Mary Chase, Cleveland Colony, is the Long Range Planning Coordinator / Assistant Treasurer.

It is clear from talking with these three that they are enthusiastically embracing their new roles. And the Board has welcomed the increased involvement. Look closely at the sparkle in the expanded Board's eyes - you can see tiny wheels turning in their brains. The ideas are already being explored.

To all members, applicants and families – have a safe summer!

Help Wanted - Library Coordinator

Do you love books and libraries? In her message, Jill talked about our newly appointed volunteer positions. We are looking for one more person to take on a new job. You probably know we have been donating sets of the silver books to libraries around Ohio. SMDOH is currently donating to 11 libraries, and we will be adding a 12th one in early 2023. One colony and several individuals are also donating to local libraries. We are looking for someone to coordinate this project.

The coordinator will have to watch for announcements of new silver books in the Mayflower Quarterly, determine how many libraries can be updated each quarter according to our budget, prepare order forms for the Assistant Treasurer to submit, then facilitate getting the books to the chosen libraries. The books will be shipped to you so you can apply our donation bookplate, then sent to the member who is the contact for each library. You will be reimbursed for your expenses. Some quarters, we may buy 12 of a single book and send them to all the libraries. Other times, like now, we are buying copies of the 5 newest books and sending them to 3 libraries each quarter.

If you are interested, please contact Ann Gulbransen to volunteer at historian@ohiomayflower.org.



Mayflower Annual Meeting 2022

Lee Martin, Deputy Governor, SMDOH

The Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the Friday Night social, went well and well-attended. Friday Night social allowed us to reconnect with stories of triumph, tragedy and perseverance, not only on a personal level, but also on an ancestral level of our Pilgrim ancestors in conjunction with those generations who



came afterward. Those on the BOA who knew me the longest, know of my my severe mental health difficulties on account of the war. Even with therapy, though I'm getting better, has been and continues to be a struggle. The following day, I wore my Pilgrim garb.



The BOA meeting went well and decided to expand donating the Silver Books by adding the Columbus Public Library. The Board voted to complete the Silver Book collection for Columbus Library and complete the collection for other a few other libraries.



After the BOA meeting, I attended Edmund Trafford's excellent lecture on "The Pilgrims in History and Art." I enjoyed how Pilgrims were depicted in art by the various painters in a historical context. For example, Pilgrims didn't wear the big white collars with buckled shoes (Puritan tradition) as



often depicted. Edmund stressed the differences between the Separatists (Pilgrims) and the Puritans (settlers of Boston) with their rivalries for dominance and survival.

After Edmund's lecture, the Annual Meeting with the elected Board members sitting in front, handling business followed with the traditional ancestral roll call.





Scholarship winner Cassandra Traunero was announced. After the meeting, we recessed to do the luncheon.

The luncheon began at noon with a salad followed by the sumptuous meal.

During the meal, we socialized further telling stories about our research, even it wasn't of Mayflower related.

After the meal, the guest speaker, Stephen L. Bennett lectured on "Early American Migration and Migration Trails: 1740 to 1850." I enjoyed learning more about the migration routes, particularly the Ohio River because I had some non-



Mayflower ancestors that settled that region in the 1790s as part of my First Families of Ohio and the newly created Society of the



Families of the Old Northwest Territory OGS lineage of which Ann Gulbransen and I are charter members of the lineage class.

Wrapping events up, Western Reserve Colony Lieutenant Governor extended the Meeting, details will be the event and that the event was



Historian's Corner

Ann Gullbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

At the annual meeting on Saturday, I was asked if I knew the number of members who had proved each ancestor for the society as a whole. I do not have the records for GSMD, but thought it would be fun to do for Ohio. Since our inception in 1897, we have had 3,958 members (I just issued number 3,961 but there were 3 numbers skipped in 2002). I looked at how many of those members had proved each pilgrim family since Ohio number 1 plus how many of our current members have proved each family. In the list below, the first number is total members, the second number is current members.

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| • Alden/Mullins 580/163 | • Chilton 95/34 | • Hopkins 277/79 | • Soule 193/62 |
| • Allerton 120/20 | • Cooke 264/73 | • Howland/Tilley 497/167 | • Standish 128/38 |
| • Billington 35/12 | • Doty 201/56 | • More 18/3 | • Warren 471/129 |
| • Bradford 410/106 | • Eaton 15/3 | • Priest 17/1 | • White 166/54 |
| • Brewster 598/153 | • Edward Fuller 304/92 | • Rogers 136/40 | • Winslow 1/0 |
| • Brown 50/16 | • Dr. Samuel Fuller 25/8 | • Samson 34/14 | |

So, we have had the most Brewster descendants with Alden/Mullins a close second. Howland/Tilley and Warren are almost tied for third place. It is fun to know we all have such diverse ancestry!

Communications update

Your Ohio Society has been making several changes in how we communicate with our members.

Email software: We have made the decision to switch from MailChimp to Constant Contact which is much more friendly to non-profits. So far, I have been really impressed with their customer service. I had a phone call in less than a half hour after I set up the account and then spent almost an hour on the phone with a trainer who wanted to make sure I knew how to prepare email messages.

So, from today on, the notifications of new Buckeye Mayflower newsletters, our annual dues notices and anything else we need to send to you will come via Constant Contact. You will see an Unsubscribe link at the bottom of every email but PLEASE DO NOT USE IT! Once you unsubscribe from one type of message, you have unsubscribed from all and that will cost your society money for postage to send you paper notices. If you want to make a change in the email communications you receive, please email that request to our new membership coordinator at membership@ohiomayflower.org. We have set up flags in our contact list to control what messages you receive. If you don't want newsletter notices, we can stop them. If you want your dues notices on paper, we can do that too. Let us do our jobs to personalize our communications to you instead of turning everything off.

Website: We have been doing some rearranging on our website, www.ohiomayflower.org. First, we are trying to put current updates on the front page. When you go to the website, hover your mouse over some of the menu items to see sub-menus. Under the Home link, there are links to a page about our state officers including how to contact them, plus our current constitution and bylaws. There is a new Member Info link on the menu. Under that, you will find pages relating to your membership including dues collection (live from August through February), a donations page, a life member contact page and page of forms that you can use to perform a variety of tasks including requesting a supplemental application with a lineage review form.

We hope these changes will help you keep aware of the activities of your society. If you have more suggestions, please let us know!

COLONY CHRONICLES

News from the Cincinnati Colony

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BOA REP	CAROL BYRD		

Cincinnati Colony Spring meeting held on April 23, 2022 at Fricker's Restaurant in West Chester, Ohio

Officers present	Star Vondrell	Clay Crandall	Nancy Little	Sue Bray
Officers absent	Beth Anderson	Wanda Langdon	Todd Reel	

22 members were present

Dr. Karim Tiro presented the essay of the Xavier University Scholarship winner Brycen Gwyn.

His essay topic was "Dr. James Mann and the Art of Amputation of 1812"

Member Karen Wiggins shared information about her son's current missionary work in Ukraine.

Star Vondrell announced there are upcoming State Board elections to be held at State meeting 2023. Star is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

10 members from Cincinnati Colony volunteered to man the SMDOH table at the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference at Wolf Lodge in Mason April 28-30.

Star Vondrell appointed Karen Wiggins, Deputy Elder, Karen accepted the position.

Merchandise sales of \$70.00 was recorded. 2 cookbooks 3 Mayflower totes.

Our next scheduled meeting is November 5, 2022.

Star Vondrell, Lt. Governor

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 was held Saturday April 30, 2022 via zoom. The program was "Women Witnesses to the Boston Massacre" presented by Katie Turner who is an independent researcher and writer, focusing on the American Revolution.

2022 Summer Event: No event.

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 canceled 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

News from the Columbus Colony

Our April 2, 2022 annual meeting was held at the Clintonville Woman's Club with 32 members (including 5 first time attendees), 1 Jr. Member, and 17 guests present. Our program was every member gave a short piece of information about their Pilgrim ancestor which some may not know. We had some very interesting information presented and attendees appeared to enjoy it.

Our Necrology service included a reading by our Elder, Cheryl Bash, lighting a candle for each and placing a flower in a vase for each: Nancy Snyder Allen, Enda Allchin Edwards, Ruth Banner Cox, Helen Haines Carlisle, and Fred A. Davis.

Our next meeting will be November 5, 2022 at Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214. Program to be determined.

Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor

News from the Toledo Colony

Thank you to all who attended the SMDOH Annual Meeting and to those Toledo Colony members and June Bugs who volunteered to help or said "Yes" when asked to help: Judy Rand; Jeff Stoll; Ed Trafford; Andrea Traunero; Steve Bennett; Jan Hutchison; Peggy Hutchison; Vickie Kuli; Steve Martin; Cassi Traunero; Caroline Longardner; Mike Brewster; Paula Niederhauser; June Chapin; Carol Tomasic; Michaelene Gorney; Tom Fisher; Christy Brewster; Bob Tomasic

Election of Colony officers and Board members will be in November.

The next Colony meeting will be the



Compact Day meeting on November 12. Come meet General "Mad" Anthony Wayne explain his influence on northwestern Ohio and areas in Indiana and Michigan. Details will be available in the September issue of the Buckeye Mayflower and the fall issue of the Toledo newsletter.



Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor

News from the Western Reserve Colony



Officers 2020 – 2022

Lt Governor – Christina Wagner Schepis

Deputy Lt Governor – Sarah Keeler

Treasurer – Ann Gulbransen

Historian – Terri Brown

Elder – Patricia Van Hoose

BOA Representative – Mandy Brooks

We were excited to host our Spring Meeting on March 14, 2022, at Chateau Michele in Canton with speaker Dan Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio &

Erie Canalway Coalition. His topic “Ohio & Erie Canalway: Creating a Legacy for Future Generations,” was a wonderful overview of the history of the

Canalway, why it was created, and how we can continue to enjoy the area in today’s times. We also held our Memorial Service for members who had passed away.

Mark your calendars for this event. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:

Saturday, June 11th: Western Reserve Colony Mayflower Family Picnic at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner Ave, NW, Greentown.

Current members, family members, prospective members and guests are all welcome! Meat and beverages will be provided. If able, please bring a potluck dish to share and your own dishes and utensils. To make sure we have enough meat and beverages please RSVP by June 7th to WRColonySMDOH@gmail.com.

We will have our elections this November and are excited to have Treasurer Ann Gulbransen, Historian Terri Brown, BOA Representative Mandy Brooks all seeking re-election! Marilyn Sessions is running for Deputy Lt Governor! We are looking for Lt Governor and Elder candidates as well as a Junior Membership Coordinator.

Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor



On April 15, 2008, at the age of 86, Lila Elizabeth Doan Hill became a member of the Ohio Society Mayflower Descendants with the Marietta Colony. Her Pilgrim ancestor is William Brewster. She celebrated her 100th birthday on January 9, 2022. Jill Parker, Ohio Mayflower Society Governor and Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony Lt. Governor, met with Lila on May 17. Jill presented her with a Proclamation honoring her on her 100th birthday and we went to her favorite restaurant, Da Vinci's, in Williamstown, WV.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 6, 2022—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day

November 12, 2022—Cleveland Colony Compact Day

IF you know of other genealogy or family history related events to add to this calendar, please email them to newsletter@ohiomayflower.org.

OGS Conference participation

April 27-30, 2022 Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony, Lt. Governor volunteered to chair our vendor/exhibitor table. Bcc emails were sent in January to all Ohio Mayflower Society members. Volunteers were offered 4-hour time slots on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Attendance was between 350-400 per an OGS staff member. We distributed: 164 tri-fold brochures, 54 passenger lists, 41 November 21st the Birth of Americanism sheets, 81 4"x6" Patriot to Passenger information, 88 4"x6" Silver Books library locations, 15 older editions of the Buckeye Newsletters. We sold 6 cookbooks.

A Special Thank you to those members who so graciously gave their time. The following members and several spouses volunteered: Cincinnati Colony: Susan Babcox, Susan Bray, Carol Byrd, Linda Fullerton, Alison Haskins, Dottie Luther, Catherine Metzger, Jean Morrison, David Papoi, Karen Wiggins. Columbus Colony: Tom Gregory. Western Reserve Colony: Susan Tavenor We would not be able to have a presence at this annual conference without the generosity of our members' time. We talked with potential members and with each other – those we haven't seen for a while and those we met for the first time. A follow up email was sent to the volunteers asking for any suggestions for future OGS Conference participation. There were no suggestions returned.

Cookbook Project

Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony, Lt. Governor, is chair of this project. At our annual meeting, your colony Lt. Governors took a few to be able to sell or give-a-way as door prizes at their meetings. Of the original 550 cookbooks ordered, we now have 31 remaining. Selling 94% has been a good project for our society, selling all 550 to reach 100% would be great. I would like to thank everyone who purchased a cookbook or in some instances several cookbooks. I will continue to ship from my home until the remaining have been purchased. These make great birthday or wedding gifts for your friends or Mayflower family members. I look forward to selling the remaining 31 cookbooks.

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Our new Membership Coordinator, Ed Trafford, is on the job! Please send any changes in your contact information or the information of your family members to membership@ohiomayflower.org. Ed will update our Ohio records, notify your colony leadership and pass the information on to the General Society.

Are you a snowbird? If you live at a different address for part of the year, we need to know that too. This is particularly true if you receive your newsletter on paper. It costs your society money to send and then resend mailings to you!

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