



## **Western Reserve Colony SMDOH Observes Compact Sunday Celebration**

The Western Reserve Colony of the SMDOH met at the First Christian Church in Canton, OH on Sunday, November 13, 2011, to celebrate the Annual Observance of Compact Day. Eighty members and guests enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

Members attended church services prior to the dinner.

Lt. Governor, Patricia Huprich called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Theresa Brown. The Mayflower Compact was read by Past Lt. Governor, Pat VanHoose and the Pilgrim's Pledge was led by Tom Neel. Kathleen Lambacher presented the Invocation.

The table decorations were prepared by Mary and Jim Fuller, and Jeanne and Beau Dusz.



Above photo: Libby Murphy, sponsor and grandmother of WRC Junior Members Samuel (8 y.o.), Alyssa (6 y.o.) and Emilyn (4 y.o.) Feller are shown assembling "Mayflower Munch" for distribution at the Celebration. Participants were asked how each item of the Munch bag related to the pilgrims. The activity encouraged much discussion among the attendees.

Byron and Kathy Brown and Frank Bachman supervised the display table of items which were available to membership for minimum donations.

Colony Historian Rebecca Woodruff conducted the Mayflower Roll Call. The John Howland descendants were in greatest number.

J. Dusz, P. VanHoose, J. and M. Fuller were thanked for preparing Mayflower displays at Medina County Library and the Cortland Branch of the Warren-Trumbull Country Libraries. Mayflower materials are being distributed at the Dover Public Library in Dover, OH.



Above photo: a portion the Cortland Branch display; this display will be moved to the main W-TC Library on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

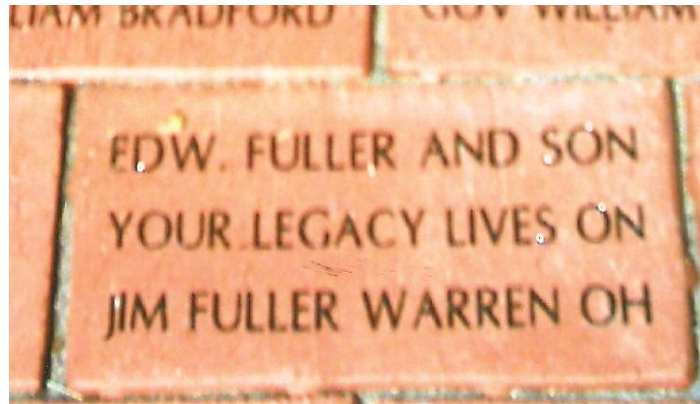


Pat VanHoose and Jeanne Dusz in front of a small segment of the Medina County Library display.

Roberta Dodd distributed Junior Membership Applications.

WRC is extremely proud of the response of the membership to a monetary collection for the Canton/Akron Regional Food Bank. Donations totaling \$158.03 were collected. Colony Elder Kathleen Lambacher passed the basket for this annual project.

Jim and Mary Fuller attended the Dedication of the Mayflower House Garden Walkway in Plymouth, MA, on September 11, 2011. Photos of the event were shared with the membership.



Brick donated by James and Mary Fuller



Brick donated by Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio

It was reported that the WRC will observe their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012. In observance of this event, an Anniversary Pin was designed. It will be presented to all new WRC members during 2012.

The pin is limited in quantity and may be obtained for a minimum donation of \$10.00. Pins will be available at all general membership meetings in 2012, or may be ordered by e-mailing [bclark2275@att.net](mailto:bclark2275@att.net). There is an additional S&H fee of \$2.00 per mail order—limit two pins per order. A mail order form appears at the end of this article.



Guest speaker for the event was internationally recognized author and researcher Caleb Johnson. He was introduced by Jill Parker. This was Mr. Johnson's first appearance in Ohio and his first presentation of the topic BOOKS AND LETTERS OF THE PILGRIMS. Numerous books were listed and selected content of each discussed. It was a very informative, well presented program, enjoyed by all attendees. Ann Gulbransen assisted Mr. Johnson with the projection details.

Autographed copies of Mr. Johnson's book, HERE SHALL I DIE ASHORE were available for purchase.

The March 2012 meeting will be held in Bolivar, OH.

The Annual WRC Family Picnic will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Greentown Community Park in Greentown at 12:30PM. Special Family entertainment is being developed by Patricia Potter. Pat has an extensive background in Children's Theater; she portrayed Elizabeth Tilley at the State Meeting last April. Members are encouraged to bring their young family members and friends to the picnic.

The 2012 Compact Sunday Celebration will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.



WARM WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS!

From: The Western Reserve Colony Board of Directors and Membership



# CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Western Reserve Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio was chartered June 28, 1927. It is the oldest continuously active Colony in existence.

In Commemoration of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Western Reserve Colony SMDOH, a LIMITED number of Anniversary Pins will be available for a minimal donation of \$10.00.

Pins measure 1 ¼ inch from top to bottom. They are gold toned with a safety pin back.



Tuscarawas County area residents may contact: Pat Huprich, Lt. Governor, to obtain a pin and eliminate the postage fee. Call – 330.343.1451, or e-mail [wrcsmdoh@gmail.com](mailto:wrcsmdoh@gmail.com) and residents in and around Aurora may contact: Byron Brown, Deputy Lt. Gov., at 330.562.7034, or e-mail [kathlynbrown67@gmail.com](mailto:kathlynbrown67@gmail.com)

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Number of pins ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 minimal donation each = \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing cost / covers MAXIMUM 2 pins per order \$ 2.00

Check: \_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_