

Mayflower Chronicles

I N O W P R O C L A I M

Please Join Us for our
Thanksgiving Com-
pact Meeting:

November 19, 2011

Birchaven Heights

Chapel

15100 Birchaven LN
Findlay, Ohio
419-424-3000

Menu:

Traditional

Thanksgiving meal

Gather at 11:30

\$14.00 per person

Coffee & Tea

Speaker:

Mark Young,
Director of the Ameri-
can Civil War Museum
in Tiffin.

Lecture: Johnson's
Island and the Civil
War Museum.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln made the following proclamation declaring Thanksgiving a national holiday.

“The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, ... peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; ...No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be



solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in

every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens...

And so a national holiday was born. However at the time of this proclamation, a meal of Thanksgiving was beyond the capabilities of the union commissary. “Even when full rations were provided, they were not particularly nutritious or appetizing : a diet of hard-tack, salt meat and no vegetables, though some canned foods had been available occasionally like condensed milk. Thanksgiving 1864 did not go similarly unrecognized. The Union League Club of New York City launched a public campaign to provide Thanksgiving dinner for Union soldiers and sailors : cont. page 3

S P O T L I G H T O N M E M B E R S

. **J O H N M A C D O N A L D**



John attended Burnam High School in Sylvania, which no longer exists. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 1952 with a Business Administration degree and in 1962 with a masters in Business Administration. John, owned his own business, Oaks Feed and Pet

Supply, that offered wholesale pet supplies. His store served customers within a hundred mile radius of Toledo. John is now retired, and with his wife, Patricia, will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on Nov. 1, 2011. They have three girls; Pamela, Jacque and Diana, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John joined the Navy Reserves at age 17, was in the Reserves for 35 years, was active in the Korean War and retired as a Captain of the Navy. His Mayflower ancestor is Stephen Hopkins.

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. **S A N D Y S C H M I T T**

Sandra (Sandy) Schmitt resides at 1008 Breezewood Court, Findlay, OH 45840 with her mother, Shirley DeRaey. Sandy's phone number is 419-425-5542 and email slschmitt1008@aol.com. Sandy, her mother and a cousin, Katie, are members of DAR and her cousin is also a mem-

ber of the Mayflower Society. Sandy loves genealogy research finding it fascinating as she has found to her and family members.

Sandy is a native of New Jersey and grew up in New York. Sandy and her husband Richard, now deceased, owned a family fishing business selling

gasoline and bait on Seganus Thatch South Island, New York, where they resided with their children, Richard Jr. and Debra as they grew up. Sandy's Mayflower ancestor is Edward Doty.



And the winner is....



This year's recipient of the Katharyn L. (Huss) Wunderley Memorial Scholarship is Marjorie Waterfield, a student at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio. A descendant of John Alden and William Bradford, Marj will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in History in 2013. A short presentation ceremony will take place during the business meeting of the 19 November Colony meeting in Findlay. Congratulations, Marjorie!

We desire that on the twenty-fourth day of November there shall be no soldier in the Army of the Potomac, the James, the Shenandoah, and no sailor in the North Atlantic Squadron who does not receive tangible evidence that those for whom he is periling his life, remember him...



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We ask primarily for donations of cooked poultry and other proper meats, as well as for mince pies, sausages and fruits... To those who are unable to send donations in kind, we appeal for generous contributions in money.

The response was overwhelming. In 3 weeks, the Club collected over \$57,000 towards the purchase of 146,586 pounds of poultry. Donations of an additional 225,000 pounds of poultry were received, along with an enormous quantity of other meat, cakes, gingerbread, pickles, apples, vegetables, cheese, and mince pies.

What sound does a turkey's phone make?
Wing, Wing.

Why did the police arrest the turkey?
Because they suspected him of fowl play.

After Thanksgiving dinner, where did the Pilgrims put their trash?

In the Mayflower Compactor.

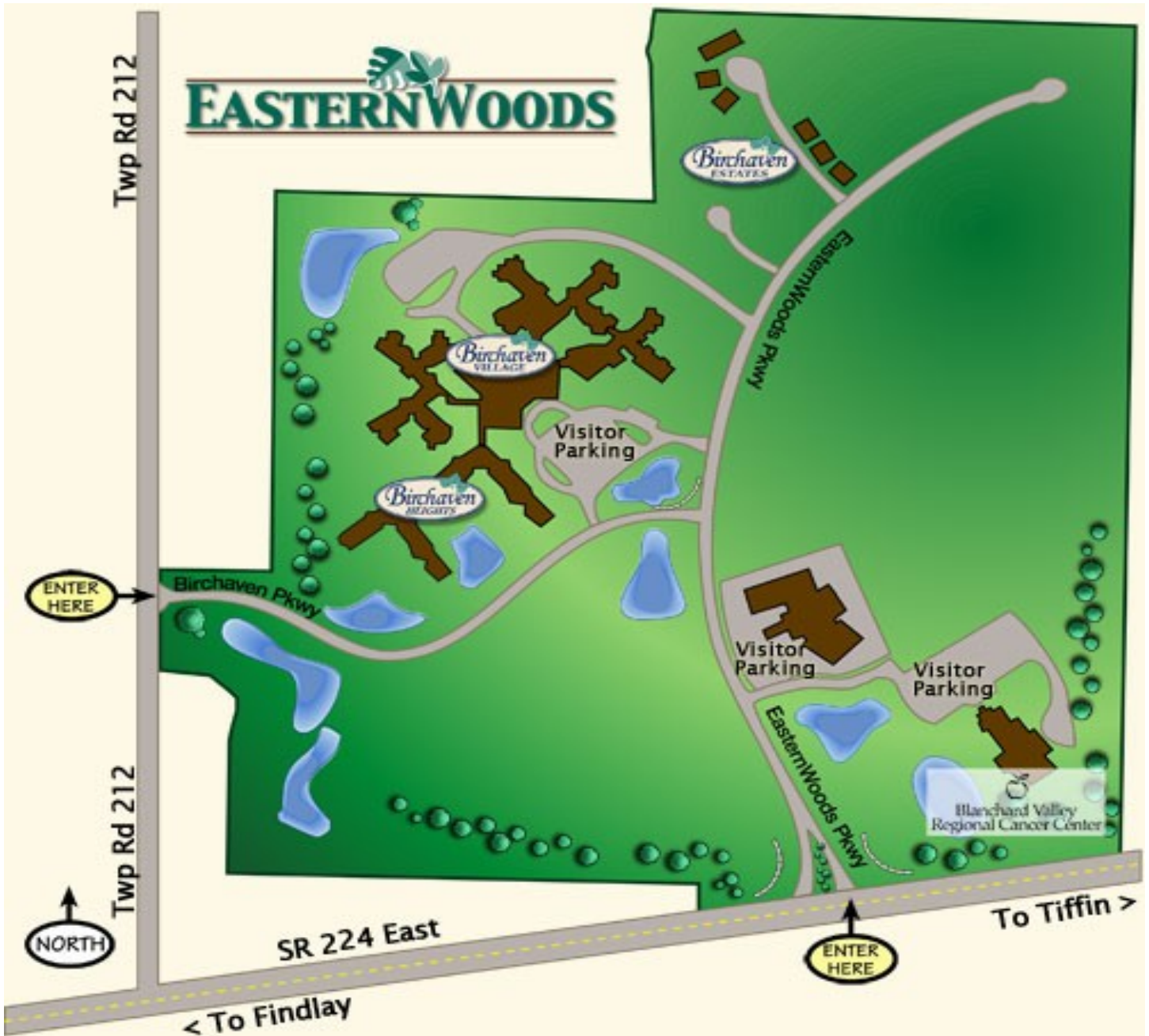
Are you planning on attending our meeting?
Please email Roberta Cook at chinachina@webtv.net
with the number attending and pay at the meeting.
Hope to see you at our Thanksgiving compact meeting
November 19, 2011

From The First Thanksgiving by Arthur Guiterman:
*“So once in every year we throng
 Upon a day apart,
 To praise the Lord with feast and song
 In thankfulness of heart.”*

Ohio Mayflower member and State Corresponding Secretary Betsie Goad has shared her photos of her Plymouth pictures at this link:
You are invited to view betsie g77's photo album: [2011-10-14](https://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sredir?uname=betsieg77&target=ALBUM&id=5663499106123766289&authkey=Gv1sRgCKGa7O7ooPHb8wE&feat=email)
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- * Take exit 159 for US-224/OH-15 W toward Findlay/Ottawa
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Continue to follow US-224 E/W Trenton Ave
- * Turn right at N Main St
- * Turn left at Center St
- * Continue onto US-224 E/Tiffin Ave
Continue to follow US-224 E
- * Turn left on Birchaven Lane at stone sign "Eastern Woods"
Turn in 1st parking lot on left to Birchaven Heights

***As you are approaching the entrance look for Shady Grove Golf Course on the south side of the road . The sign at the entrance of Birchaven Village is a large stone structure which reads EasternWoods,**