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## A message from our Governor

Greetings to you all. In the last "Buckeye Mayflower", I said that I would share the highlights from the discussions at the Mayflower General Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis. Here they are!

Should we have the option of paying dues online? We need to encourage members of family societies (like the Soule Kindred) to join GSMD.

Proposed designs for our 2020 monument in Plymouth were discussed. Concern was expressed that Mayflower women were not part of any proposed design. \$100,000 has been allocated for the monument.

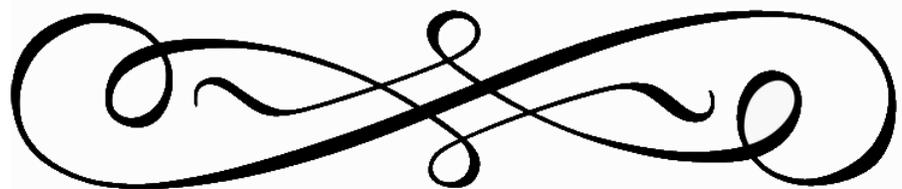
The First Parish Church or the National Memorial Pilgrim Church at the end of Leyden Street in Plymouth is on the national register. The church currently has less than 50 members and has asked GSMD to take custody of the building. The beautiful Tiffany windows have already been repaired with funds from the town of Plymouth. The general reaction to this proposed acquisition was positive.

Our 2020 coin project is in jeopardy from a rival bill proposed by a Plymouth area congressman. It is hoped that a compromise can be reached since the rival bill offers no benefits to GSMD. Our GSMD website is underutilized by members. Check it out at [www.TheMayflowerSociety.org](http://www.TheMayflowerSociety.org) "Cry of the Stone" is in print. Contact GSMD to purchase a copy.

I will end by saying that our Triennial Congress in Plymouth will be September 8-12, 2017. If you wish to be a delegate to this meeting, contact me after January 1<sup>st</sup> at [carkin9th@yahoo.com](mailto:carkin9th@yahoo.com).

My best wishes to you all for a blessed and safe holiday.

*Sandra Carkin St. Martin*



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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

*Ann Gulbransen, Historian*

One of the topics that was discussed at the GSMD meeting in Indianapolis was the Society's new DNA policy. You can read the new policy in its entirety on the GSMD website in the members only section. The gist of it is that DNA analysis for genealogy is in its infancy and as such the policy will continue to evolve over time. For now, the DNA committee has recommended that autosomal and mitochondrial DNA not be accepted as part of Mayflower lineage applications as the technology is just not advanced enough. However, Y-DNA which is passed from father to son, can be used to leapfrog a generation or so when the paper trail has failed. There are very specific criteria on whose DNA can be tested, how many generations can be involved, and how perfect the marker match has to be. Y-DNA is just one more tool we can use to prove a lineage and cannot replace good, solid research. But when that research leaves insurmountable gaps, Y-DNA can be really helpful. Y-DNA testing can be purchased at FamilyTreeDNA.com. In Ohio, we have successfully used Y-DNA for two different families. If you or someone you know is thinking about adding Y-DNA to an application, please read the policy and then contact me to review the process.

The new member list on the next page and the list of approved supplementals should let you know what Lee and I have been doing for the last few months! As he says below, we expect the upsurge in applications to continue!

### Assistant Historian Report

*Lee Martin*

Historian Ann Gulbransen and I attended the Historians meeting that was part of the GSMD meeting in Indianapolis in September 2016. Here are a few highlights.

The Historians training meeting re-visited some old procedures with new ways to better document lineage papers. For example, multiple marriages documented in the papers are included to track name changes for the women. In addition, multiple marriages documented for the males may or may not show further possible Mayflower lines of the other spouse; thereby, the addition of further potential supplemental applications will greatly improve documentation and speed up processing time, for the most part. Another inclusion on doing application involved adding parents of the spouse if possible.

The intent of the Historian General is to have the most completely, accurately, and yet, concisely documented lineage papers. The discussions became lively, but interesting to come up with ways to better document and better share resources to help bring in new members. With 2020 coming up, both Marti Bobertz and Midge Hurtuk, Historian General emphasized the need to streamline the process because of an expected large upsurge in the number of applications in anticipation of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In fact, both Marti and Midge stated the upsurge has happened already and will continue.

### Treasurer's Note:

**If you are an annual member of the Ohio Society and have not yet paid your 2017 membership year dues, you are running out of time! If we do not receive your dues check by December 19th, you risk being dropped from membership. We have to send an accounting of all active members as of December 31st to the General Society and need time to process our end of year receipts. We must receive your check by December 19th for you to be considered an active member.**

**If you have questions, please contact Mary Chase at [ohmayflowertreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowertreasurer@gmail.com) or (216) 406.1564.**

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members, 1 June 2016—30 November 2016

### **Cincinnati Colony**

#### Dual Membership

OH3451, Peggy Reid, 12th from William Brewster

#### Initial Applications

OH3493, Gregory Anderson, 13th from Stephen Hopkins

OH3489, Susan Bray, 11th from Edward Doty

OH3472, Leland Cole, 12th from William White

OH3477, Susan Davis, 10th from Henry Samson

OH3494, Tylor Earl, 14th from Stephen Hopkins

OH3460, Barbara Fanning, 13th from William Brewster

OH3479, Rebecca Lubitz, 10th from Edward Doty

OH3461, Eileen Sheehan, 13th from William Brewster

OH3453, Susan Woodford, 13th from Francis Cooke

#### Transfer-in

OH3464, George Shillington 11th from John Alden

### **Cleveland Colony**

#### Dual Membership

OH3480, Katherine Hodgson, 13th from Peter Brown

#### Initial Applications

OH3455, Christopher Endres, 13th from Richard Warren

OH3468, Louise Jantzen, 11th from Richard Warren

OH3484, Cynthia Kettler, 12th from William White

OH3470, Anne Lieb, 13th from John Tilley

OH3471, Karen Schrader, 12th from Richard Warren

#### Transfer in

OH3473, Jon Rainey, 12th from William Brewster

OH3474, Richard Rainey, 12th from William Brewster

### **Columbus Colony**

#### Initial Applicaions

OH3475, Brian Ballenger, 11th from Edward Fuller

OH3476, Marilyn Ballenger, 10th from Edward Fuller

OH3483, Gary Barstow, 11th from William Bradford

OH3478, Wyman Haskins, 10th from Edward Fuller

OH3488, Barbara McNamara, 13th from Richard Warren

OH3454, Dennis Moffitt, 13th from Edward Fuller

OH3487, Kenneth Rood, 10th from Edward Doty

OH3462, Andrew Salt, 12th from George Soule

OH3463, Steven Salt, 11th from George Soule

OH3469, Sherrie Thomas, 13th from William Brewster

OH3459, Katherine Walker, 14th from Isaac Allerton

#### Junior to Adult

OH3494, Brittney Hess, 13th from William White

OH3495, Kaitlyn Hess, 13th from William White

OH3485, Matthew McKnelly, 13th from William White

OH3486, Meghan McKnelly, 13th from William White

### **Toledo Colony**

#### Initial Applications

OH3452, Kaye Phillips, 12th from Richard Warren

OH3491, James Willey, 12th from Stephen Hopkins

OH3492, Marilyn Willey, 11th from Stephen Hopkins

### **Western Reserve Colony**

#### Initial Applications

OH3456, Carol Bowlin, 11th from Edward Fuller

OH3465, Mary Beth Butterfield, 12th from William Brewster

OH3482, Torsten Chase, 11th from John Howland

OH3466, Marilyn Holloway, 12th from William Brewster

OH3467, Sheila Pascoli, 12th from William Brewster

OH3490, Christina Wagner, 13th from Richard Warren

#### Junior to Adult

OH3457, Allison Karman, 13th from William Brewster

OH3458, Elizabeth Karman, 13th from William Brewster

#### Transfer in

OH3481, Barbara Hren, 13th from William Brewster

**Congratulations to all our  
Mayflower Cousins!**

Supplemental Applications Approved, 1 June 2016—30 November 2016

**Cincinnati Colony**

OH 3018, Ramona Lynne Brinker, 12th from John Alden  
 OH3407, Robert Bowers, 12th from Stephen Hopkins  
 OH3407, Robert Bowers, 11th from Constance Hopkins  
 OH3422, Clayton Crandall, 12th from Mary Chilton  
 OH3422, Clayton Crandall, 13th from James Chilton  
 OH3389, William Reel, 13th from Priscilla Mullins Alden  
 OH3389, William Reel, 13th from John Alden  
 OH3389, William Reel, 13th from William Brewster  
 OH3331, Shaun Smith, 13th from Richard Warren  
 OH3331, Shaun Smith, 14th from Francis Cooke

**Cleveland Colony**

OH3408, Judith Irving, 13th from Elinor Billington  
 OH3408, Judith Irving, 12th from Francis Billington

**Western Reserve Colony**

OH3395, Mary Ellen Atwood, 12th from Myles Standish  
 OH2856, Theresa Brown, 14th from John Tilley  
 OH2856, Theresa Brown, 14th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley  
 OH2856, Theresa Brown, 13th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland  
 OH2773, Kay Johnston, 12th from Peregrine White  
 OH3375, Rita Root, 12th from Henry Samson



***IN MEMORIAM***



THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US THIS YEAR

**Cincinnati Colony**

David Hughes, descendant of John Howland, 10/12/1943 - 3/21/2016, elected to membership 3/14/1959  
 Joan Glatte, descendant of William Brewster, 12/20/1931 - 5/21/2016, elected to membership 10/12/1985  
 Mildred Stephens, descendant of Edward Fuller, 5/21/1921 - 10/14/2016, elected to membership 5/18/1992

**Cleveland Colony**

Blythe Watson Gehring, descendant of John Howland, Isaac Allerton and George Soule, 3/30/1920 - 3/1/2016, elected to membership 5/11/1974

**Toledo Colony**

Jane Yarnell, descendant of William White, 3/31/1921 - 5/31/2016, elected to membership 1/11/1986

**Western Reserve Colony**

Patricia Arrott, descendant of Myles Standish, 7/27/1931 - 3/9/2016, elected to membership 5/18/1985



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Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each, qty _____
Mayflower pin with ribbon	\$10.00 each, qty _____
Total	_____



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## State Assembly 2017: Preview and Highlights!

**The dates are set:** May 19 and 20, 2017

**The location is set:** Courtyard Marriott in Canton

**The keynote speaker is set:** Governor General Lea Filson – she will be speaking on the changes in the General Society and how those changes benefit both individual members and the state societies. And I am sure she will be bringing us the latest news on 2020 plans.

**SO SAVE THE DATE:** May 19, 20 in Canton, Ohio. And we will be playing the *Mayflower Maize* game (see box below) on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>! Complete with prizes.

Watch for your Invitation in the Spring!!

### **Hear ye! Hear ye!! Get your Game Here!**

#### **Mayflower game to be officially re-launched at State Assembly in May!!!**

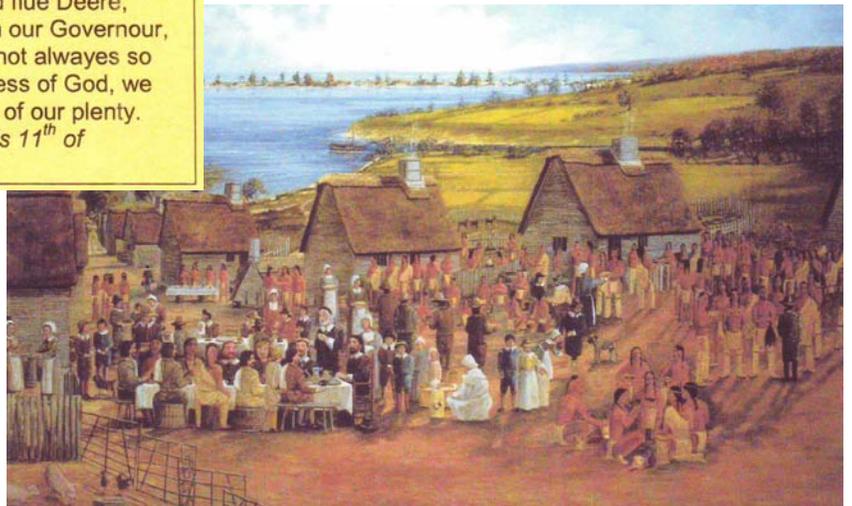
Twenty-five years ago several members from the Western Reserve Colony designed, developed and copyrighted *Mayflower Maize*, a bingo style trivia game. That was quite an undertaking!! And with all the increased activity and new products being developed to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2020) of the Landing of the Mayflower, it just seemed appropriate for Western Reserve to update and re-issue its game in time for the 2017 State Assembly. And that, too, proved to be quite an undertaking!

**SPECIAL GAME PRICE available only at the State Assembly: \$16.20** (cash or check made out to “The Western Reserve Colony”). After the State Assembly the price goes to, you guessed it, \$20.20! Seriously... how appropriate is that!

#### **“In the Spirit of Thanksgiving”**

Our Corne did proue well, & God be prayed, we had a good increase of Indian Corne, and our Barly indifferent good, but our Pease not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sowne, they came vp very well, and blossomed, but the Sunne parched them in the blossome; our harvest being gotten in, our Governour sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a more speciall manner reioyce together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little helpe beside, served the Company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst vs, and among the rest of their greatest King Massasoyt, with some nintie men, whom for three dayes we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed fiue Deere, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed upon our Governour, and upon the Captaine, and others. And although it be not alwayes so plentifull, as it was at this time with vs, yet by the goodness of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

~E.W. (Edward Winslow) *Plymouth, in New England, this 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 1621.*



## MAYFLOWER HISTORY

### Births and Deaths on the Mayflower

*Paul Morehouse*

Two baby boys were born on the Mayflower. Elizabeth Hopkins gave birth to the first, Oceanus Hopkins, during the voyage. Susanna White gave birth to the second, Peregrine White, after the ship reached New England.

Five Mayflower passengers died following the voyage from southern England to New England.

William Batten/Button died first on 16 Nov 1620 three days before Cape Cod was sighted. He was a young, indentured servant to Dr. Samuel Fuller, the doctor to Mayflower passengers. He had been ill for most of the voyage.

Two weeks later, Jasper More died on 6 Dec 1620. He was a 7 year-old servant of John Carver. More was survived by older sister Ellen, and younger brother and sister Richard and Mary. All were passengers sent by their father on the Mayflower due to the alleged adulterous activities of their mother.

The next day Dorothy, first wife of William Bradford died on 7 Dec 1620 when she accidentally fell overboard and drowned in Provincetown Harbor.

Edward Thompson/Thomson died nearly a month after Batten/Button on 14 Dec 1620. He was probably under 21 years old and was under the care of the William White family.

The final early death was that of James Chilton, who died on 18 Dec 1620. Born about 1556, he was the oldest passenger on the Mayflower and was one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact.

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### Junior Member Inspiration

*Pat Van Hoose, WR Elder*

My youngest granddaughter brought this chart to show me her project that she did for homeschooling. She has listed her descent from 4 pilgrims : Thomas Rogers, Edward Doty, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins.

The last 2 are my daughter-in-law's ancestors. There are 14 and 15 generations down for Hali.



## What Did the Pilgrim's eat?

*By: Paul Morehouse*

The Pilgrims and other early North American settlers in the 1600 and 1700's ate much the same foods as their cousins in Europe. They also grew most of the same crops as did those they left behind: peas, beans, cabbages, carrots, beets, turnips, greens and onions. They learned about corn and pumpkins from the local native Americans. They also raised a few crops which are not well-known today, such as scorzonera, cardoons, skirrets, and orach.

Say what? **Scorzonera** was sometimes also called Black salsify and many settlers believed that it promoted hair growth due to its iron and copper, it also has a fairly high concentration of vitamin C and thiamin, which promotes the development of hydrochloric acid in the intestines, and it has as much potassium as bananas. It was believed by our ancestors that it was good for people who ate a lot of salty food, and since Black salsify is mostly water, it is low in calories.

**Cardoons** were sometimes called artichoke thistle which helps explain its flavor. They look like large hearts of celery but have a thorny stalk. This is another low caloric food as one cup of shredded cardoon is just 30 calories. **Skirrets** were called "The sweetest, whitest and most pleasant of roots," according to *Systema Horticulturae*, published in England in 1677. It has a sweet flavor and is related to parsnips. In Tudor times, just before the Mayflower voyage, skirrets were believed to have qualities of "balancing bodily humours."

The final unknown vegetable is **Orach** which is sometimes called "mountain spinach." Move over Popeye, this green vegetable does quadruple duty, regulating digestion, improving kidney health, boosting cardiovascular strength, and strengthening the immune system. This plant grows quite tall and can reach 5-6 feet in your garden.

Editor's Note: This article was inspired by an article by Susan Peery in *The Old Farmer's 2017 Almanac* and references to the unknown vegetables came from Wikipedia.org.

### Columbus Colony Member Celebrates 100th Birthday!

Columbus Colony member Dr. Virginia Fulcomer celebrated her 100th birthday at Kensington Place on September 24th! The gathering included her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws, nieces and nephews from around the country according to an article from the Columbus Dispatch. Virginia is a clinical child psychologist and headed the Child and Adult Mental Health Center in Youngstown during her career. She was married to the Rev. Charles Fulcomer for 65 years.

According to the article, "she continues to live independently, exercise regularly, read avidly, solve crossword puzzles daily and loves playing bridge and scrabble with her friends and family."



Dr. Fulcomer with Don Burgess

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Introducing the new Board of Assistants Representative from the Toledo Colony—Heather Reichert



My husband, Carl and I have been together 23 years.

We have a grown son, Logan, and two four-legged children, a Doberman, Nokona and an Olde English Bulldogge, Gretchen.

I was raised by my maternal Grandparents, who I credit my interest, passion and love for family history. Some of my earliest childhood memories are filled with family stories and visits with my great and great-great relatives as well as paying respect at family graves.

One of my Grandma's favorite phrases was "in order to know who you truly are, you must first understand from where it is you came". And boy, would she be thrilled to know where it is that she came from! (It is her line that led me to my Pilgrim Thomas Rogers!) I started tracing my family history 20 years ago and have been infected by "genealogy fever" ever since. (and I'm NOT looking for a cure 😊 )

I joined DAR in Jan 2014 and by May 2015 became the Chapter Registrar. I joined the Thomas Rogers Society in June 2014 and in November 2015, I'm thrilled to say, I joined the Mayflower Society, something I dreamed of achieving for so many years!

In addition to trolling archives, cemetery hopping and trying to break down another brick wall, I also enjoy gardening/ water gardening, going to auctions, sneaking off to Starbucks for a cup of coffee, spending time with my family, my friends and of course my furbabies!

I look forward to serving on the BOA, learning more about this Society and getting to know everyone.

## Road Trip to Plymouth!

The Toledo Colony is planning a bus trip to Plymouth June 10-16, 2018 and would love to have YOU join them! The trip is limited to 50 participants.

The trip includes roundtrip bus transportation, 4 nights at the Carver Inn in Plymouth, 2 nights at motels in transit, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, a Plymouth Harbor boat tour, guided tours of Plymouth and Boston, and a visit to Niagara Falls and a ride on the Maid of the Mist on the way home. Here is the itinerary:

Day 1—travel from Perrysburg to Albany, NY

Day 2—travel from Albany to Plymouth, MA, group dinner and organizational meeting

Day 3—Guided bus tour of all the sights in Plymouth

Day 4—Plimoth Plantation, harbor boat tour

Day 5—Guided tour of historical sites in Boston or tour of Provincetown and Cape Cod

Day 6—Travel from Plymouth to Rochester, NY area

Day 7—Visit Niagara Falls, Maid of the Mist boat trip, travel to Perrysburg, OH

The bus company estimates the trip will cost between \$800-\$1000.

If you are interested, please contact Sheri Bannister at [sheribann@aol.com](mailto:sheribann@aol.com) or at 1065 Cherry St, Perrysburg, OH 43551-1615 for more information. The sooner the bus is full, the easier it will be to lock in rates for the bus and motels and to guarantee the dates. The sign up form will be posted on [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org).

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

### BRING THEM ALL ON BOARD THE MAYFLOWER for 2020

*Beth Anderson, 2020 Committee Co-Chair*

The Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants is joining our cousins in Maryland in a campaign to encourage eligible family members to submit for Membership to the MAYFLOWER SOCIETY to grow our numbers and sustain the growth of the Society.

The plan is simple - those of us who are members in the MAYFLOWER SOCIETY can contact our eligible siblings, children and grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Offer to help them complete their submission materials based on the work you have already done. Help them obtain the documentation they need to complete their applications. That should be easy for them since you have already proved the lineage. Most of them will only need birth, marriage, and death for one or two generations. [Note: documentation standards have changed over time so if you became a member long ago, your family members may need to bring the application up to modern standards.] If you need help contact your Colony Historian, Ohio Historian or other officers.

Encourage your family in other states to come in through OHIO as one of the most cost effective and helpful states to work with. If multiple applications for the same ancestor are all going to the same address, there is a cost break. ALSO membership makes a great gift for birthdays, graduations, weddings, and Christmas.

#### SO COME ON—HELP GET YOUR FAMILY ON BOARD THE SHIP!

The BOA and 2020 Committee has booked the speaker for the May 1-2, 2020 Ohio Commemoration Event. We are very excited to have this individual as our speaker for this event. The BOA and 2020 Committee have not had a chance to really discuss how this event will develop, but we do want to include other genealogy based groups to this special event and speaker. Once a plan is in place we will share the name of the speaker. BUT you want to get the date on your calendar.

I had the opportunity in November to attend two COMPACT DAY events as a kick off for the colonies having a special 2020 event:

**Cincinnati Colony** – Susanna (White) Winslow – Mayflower Passenger was the speaker and was re-enacted by Malka Benjamin a living history educator at Plimoth Plantation. She was Susanna sharing her stories of the voyage and events that occurred after the arrival at Plimoth, including the birth of her son, Peregrine, on the Mayflower, death of her husband William, the trials of being alone in a strange land without her husband, and marriage to Edward Winslow. Malka out of character was a delightful and answered many questions from the group.

**Cleveland Colony**- John Howland – Mayflower passenger- was the speaker he was portrayed by Richard Pickering, Deputy Director for Plimoth Plantation. Mr. Pickering gave the group updates on what as far as education events on TV (PBS) and the Smithsonian leading up to 2020. As John Howland he brought the listener back to 1657 and shared his stories: of the voyage and near death experience, marriage and raising 10 children and challenges with his brother. What a treat those two events were for my grandson and husband.

Restoration of Mayflower II is underway and the final cost will be \$12,000,000. As a result several fund raising campaigns have begun. You can find more information on the renovation on the GSMD website and ways to contribute. One campaign caught the attention of our Ohio Governor, *PENNIES FOR THE MAYFLOWER* : This involves collecting spare change and bringing the money to a Colony meeting. Several of us have started collecting our pennies and will be sharing more as we progress. SO JOIN US get jar and print a picture of the Mayflower and stick it on the jar and start saving your pennies.

## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

Our biggest Compact Day was held on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016! We had 47 guests and members in attendance. The Colony held its' annual meeting and commemoration at the historic, Cincinnati Woman's Club. Social time and then lunch of a traditional turkey and dressing fare, along with pumpkin pie were enjoyed. We were honored to have, Ohio Society Governor, Sandra St. Martin join us for our Compact Day meeting. After lunch we were entertained and educated by a speaker from Plimoth Plantation. Malka Benjamin was our presenter/interpreter. She is a Living History Educator at Plimoth Plantation. Malka, in character as Mistress White, told of her travels from England and life on the colony from a personal point of view, giving the listeners a clear view of Mistress White's life in 1624. Listening to her story told in the dialect of the time and the area where she may have been from was a real treat. All in attendance were impressed and enthralled.

In addition to social time, lunch, our presentation, we also inducted our new Colony board.

#### 2017 Cincinnati Colony Officers:

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Elder:	Todd Reel	BoA Rep:	Beth Anderson

We have one position that remains open, Education Officer. If you wish to assist us with this role, please email Lieutenant Governor Doug van der Zee. ([cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com](mailto:cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com)).

We also inducted new members into our Colony at the meeting: Will Reel, Bob Bowers, Chuck Drew, Eileen Sheehan, Leland and Carol Cole. We also welcomed Peggy Reid. Peggy comes to us from California where she is a past Governor of the Sequoia Colony.



Malka Benjamin as Mistress White



Sandra St. Martin, Peggy Reid & Shaun Smith



Doug van der Zee

At the end of the meeting, we finalized the donations for the Thanksgiving Fund for One Way Farm, a Cincinnati area children's home. Thank you to everyone that donated at all of the meetings this year. The Colony was able to present a check to One Way Farm for \$350 which was used to help feed the children housed at the facility.

We will continue a new Thanksgiving fund for 2017 beginning with our next meeting to be held in January. In addition, going forward at our meetings, we will be collecting pennies for planks. This fundraiser is specifically to assist with repairs to the Mayflower II. Let's see if we can raise \$400 for the 400-year anniversary of the Mayflower.

As we roll into 2017, it is our hope to have the following colony gatherings. We are still in the planning stages. As usual, we will send out email notifications of upcoming meetings and gatherings. If your email has changed or you would prefer to receive notifications of events via US Mail please contact the colony via email: [cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com](mailto:cincinnati.colony@yahoo.com) or mail to: Doug van der Zee, 6836 School St. Cinti. OH 45244. See the calendar of events on page 15 for our 2016 meetings.

*Doug van der Zee, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

## News from the Cleveland Colony



Richard Pickering as John Howland

The Colony held its Compact Day Celebration on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, Ohio with over 100 in attendance. A number of guests from other genealogical societies helped to round out our members who attended. The meal consisted of hand-carved turkey with the usual side dishes so that each person that was there could pick and choose the amount desired. Of course, the dessert was pumpkin pie. The excellent meal was followed by a short business meeting and a talk by Richard Pickering, Deputy Director of the Plimoth Plantation who gave a talk about John Howland.

The short business meeting included the introduction of special guests including State Governor, Sandy St. Martin and Jill Parker, Lt. Governor of the Western Reserve Colony. Those from each of the other Societies present stood as the name of each society was announced. Many of those who attended are members of other societies. The previous day having been Veteran's Day, veterans were asked to stand and be recognized. There were quite a few of them.

The business meeting was closed and our speaker was introduced. This was delayed when it was announced that that day was his birthday and we all stood to sing him the Happy Birthday song.

Mr. Pickering 's subject was John Howland who had been washed overboard during a storm. He spoke from the standpoint of some years after 1620 in reflection of earlier times. He was in appropriate costume for the time and spoke with an appropriate English accent.

In relating the Mayflower incident he said that John Howland had gone up on deck for reasons unknown during a heavy storm and was washed overboard. Because of the storm the sails were down and the sail ropes were dragging into the sea. He managed to grab one of them and was saved by crew members who were able to reach him with a boat hook and pull him back on board, thus saving his life.

Of particular interest were details of the fact that if Howland had not survived there would have been no descendants. As it turned out, he lived, married and had descendants. Some of them held positions of importance in the development of America. Other information was disseminated in the talk and after he went out of character he fielded questions.

It was agreed that the meal and venue was excellent, as was the speaker, with the conclusion that the meeting was a great success.

*Don Williams, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

Our Columbus Colony Compact Day luncheon was highlighted by a very interesting and informative presentation by John Burke, a noted reenactor, who appeared in Indian regalia as Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag tribe and told us of the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims.

After our traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and all the trimmings, our short business meeting was highlighted by the membership unanimously voting to send \$4000 to Plimoth Plantation to help in the restoration of Mayflower II.

Our new officers for the next three years were elected and presented to the membership:



Betsie Goad & John Burke

Sharon Hendershot will be the next Lieutenant Governor; Hilda Pappas, Deputy Lieutenant Governor; Kristen Hallows, Recording Secretary; Jenney Seely, Corresponding Secretary; Winthrop (Win) Worcester, Treasurer; Betsie Goad, Historian; Cheryl Bash, Elder; and Janice Kleinline, BOA Representative. These officers will be inducted at the spring meeting. Judy Snyder has been selected to fill the Membership Committee chairwoman position.



Betsie Goad, , Cheryl Bash, Winthrop Worcester, Sharon Hendershot, Kristen Hallows and Jenney Seely

We, also, recognized and congratulated Dr. Virginia Fulcomer on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and long-standing membership in the Colony (see photo on page 8). Peter Jakes was recognized and presented his scholarship award by Bill McEwan, Jr. our treasurer and Scholarship Committee chairman.

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Kensington Place and our speaker will be Patsy Gaines, who will portray Hannah Dustin, a Puritan heroine who was captured and escaped from the Indians in the 1600's.

*Don Burgess, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

**News from the Toledo Colony**

Forty-two members and guests gathered for fellowship on Compact Day, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Janice Kleinline and Mary Linn White of the Columbus Colony had Pilgrim-related items on sale. We welcomed preliminary members Al Spicer, Marilyn Willey, Jim Willey, and Don Calvin. Sharon Bannister previewed a possible bus trip to Plymouth. Al Spicer won the door prize of a puzzle of Pilgrim silhouettes donated in memory of Ric Harner by Marlene Harner. Potential Junior Member Jake Skomer won the 3 D puzzle of the ship Mayflower, donated by member Jackie Miller. The colony board approved a donation of \$400 to help restore the hull of Mayflower II, currently



in dry dock.

Program Chair Rick Wunderley introduced speaker Janice Kleinline. She displayed items while sharing with us about Pilgrim children. We heard about biggins (children's hats) and a cloth stuffed doughnut shape that protected the heads of young children learning to walk, that boys wore dresses until age 7, that children stood at the table to eat after the adults had eaten, all shared the same napkin, work was done from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., that children could play only after their work was completed, and much, much more.



2017 meetings:

- 25 March at Swan Creek Retirement Village, Toledo, Speakers from the Myaami Indian Tribe
- 29 July In Port Clinton
- 11 November Swan Creek

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

**News from the Western Reserve Colony**

Western Reserve Colony gathered together on November 13, 2016 to celebrate Compact Day at the Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton, Ohio. We held our regular meeting and elected our new officers for a three-year term. The weather was glorious— we have had a beautiful warm fall this year. Roberta Dodd welcomed 64 attendees in all. We were honored to have the company of Sandy St. Martin, the Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio.



Kathleen Lambacher with the Lotz family

We sat at tables beautifully decorated with centerpieces created by WR Friend, Mary Fuller. After some time catching up with “family” around us, Paul Morehouse opened the meeting by leading all in the reading of the Mayflower Compact. Tyler Lotz led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. After grace led by retiring elder Kathleen Lambacher, we had an abundant feast of roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes and green beans and cranberry sauce. And of course, we finished with pumpkin pie! Kathleen read a thank you letter from the Akron-Canton Foodbank for our previous year’s donation and passed a basket for this year’s donation. We were able to collect \$400, which will be matched by an anonymous donor. Many thanks go to Kathleen for arranging and delivering these donations.



Carol Bowlin, Torsten Chase & Christina Wagner with Jill Parker

Retiring colony historian Becky Woodruff gave her report, announcing 6 new members: Carol Jean Bowlin [Edward Fuller], Mary Beth Butterfield [William Brewster], Marilyn Sue Holloway [William Brewster], Sheila Ann Pascoli [William Brewster], Torsten Frederick Chase [John Howland], and Christina Ann Wagner [Richard Warren]. We have a member who transferred in from Missouri, Barbara Hren [William Brewster] and 2 members who have graduated from junior status to adult: Allison Katherine Karmen [William Brewster] and Elizabeth Lillian Karmen [William Brewster]. Our colony membership is 220. Becky gave the annual Mayflower Passenger Roll Call. 22 passengers were represented, with John Howland having the most present. We were also thrilled to welcome new Friends of the Western Reserve Colony with our brand new Friends pins!

In lieu of a speaker, we had our election! We celebrated the great contributions of retiring board members Becky Woodruff and Kathleen Lambacher. Kathleen has been a member since 1999 and has served as Colony Elder since 2011. We have treasured her Invocations, Grace, Benedictions and leading our March Memorial Service. She has served, and will continue to serve as liaison to Akron-Canton Foodbank. She is a lovely personality and we are very grateful for her. Becky has been a member since 2007 and Colony Historian par excellence since 2011. Her great knowledge and memory is such an asset to our colony. She created a relationship with the Akron Summit Library- Special Collections with an eye to contributing books to further the quest for genealogy research. She will continue to serve in this role. She has kept track of new members, birthdays and anniversaries with fabulous organization. Both ladies have left big shoes to fill.



Becky Woodruff & Kathleen Lambacher



Jill Parker with Mayflower Maize!

We voted to install the following board members: Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Roberta Dodd, Deputy Lt. Governor, Sara Faith-Benoit, Secretary, Ann Gulbransen, Treasurer, Andra Riffle, Historian, Pat Van Hoose, Elder and E. Paul Morehouse, BOA Representative. The new board members will serve a 3 year term.

Jill shared info about our the roll-out of the Mayflower Maize Game, our bingo style trivia game. This game will be available at our State Assembly for the special price of \$16.20. Be sure to grab yours as after the price will go to \$20.20!

As to the State Assembly, please save the date of May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017! We will be hosting in Canton with speaker Governor General, Lea Filson. Please consider helping out so we can make this a smashing success. Email any board member if you can lend a hand. We will not have our March meeting so we can prepare for this big event.

Kathleen Lambacher led our Benediction and our meeting was adjourned. We are grateful to be together and look forward to next time.

*Andra Riffle, Historian for Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 21, 2017**—Cincinnati Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch, Cincinnati Public Library, 11:30-1:30

**March 2017**—Cincinnati Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch, Coopers Creek Golf Club (date TBD)

**March 4, 2017** —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

**March 25, 2017**—Toledo Colony spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village, Toledo, Speakers from the Myaami Indian Tribe

**April 15, 2017**—Columbus Colony spring meeting, Kensington Place

**April 26-29, 2017**—Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, OH

**May 2017**—Cincinnati Board/Colony Meeting & Lunch, Coopers Creek Golf Club (date TBD)

**May 19-20, 2017**—2017 state meeting, Canton, OH—details to follow

**June 17 2017**—Western Reserve Picnic, Greentown Community Park, noon

**July 29 2017** Toledo Colony meeting, Port Clinton, OH

**July or August 2017** Cincinnati Colony informal get-together (date and place TBD)

**August 5, 2017** —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

**September 2017**—Mayflower Congress, Plymouth, MA—requests to be a delegate will be accepted beginning January 2017. Contact Governor Sandy St. Martin after January 1st if you are interested.

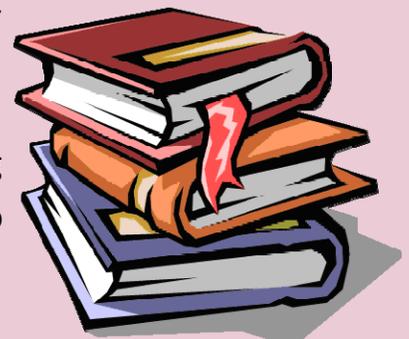
**September 2017**—Cincinnati Colony joint event with Warriors & Dames (date & place TBD)

**October 7, 2017** —Board of Assistants meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Westerville, OH

**November 2017**—Compact Day celebrations—dates and places will be announced in future newsletters

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

The 2017 Ohio Mayflower Scholarship guidelines have been released! If you are receiving this newsletter by email, the guidelines and application are included at the end. If you are receiving the newsletter on paper, the guidelines and application have been inserted for you. Any adult or junior member of the Ohio Society is eligible to apply if working for a bachelor's or advanced degree. Pass the information along to anyone in your family who qualifies!



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## Help Wanted

### Junior Membership Coordinator

WANTED—A person who wants to be involved in the future of our Ohio Society. Yes, future. Our junior members are our future. YOU can make a difference if you have the right “stuff.” Up until now, our junior membership coordinator’s sole task is to enroll new junior members as their applications for membership arrive. In his/her expanded role, the junior membership coordinator will develop plans to reach our junior members and involve them in Mayflower-related activities as our 400<sup>th</sup> Commemoration approaches. The junior membership coordinator will also work with our five Ohio colonies to enrich the colony junior experience. If you have the right “stuff” or think you might, contact your Ohio governor, Sandra St. Martin, at [carkin9th@yahoo.com](mailto:carkin9th@yahoo.com) or (614)-279-3689.

### Moving, getting married, changing your email?

Make sure your Ohio Society is current with all your contact information. You can send any changes to Ohio Corresponding Secretary Vicki Heineck at [heineckhistory@gmail.com](mailto:heineckhistory@gmail.com) or Ann Gulbransen, Ohio Historian at [ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com). We will make sure the General Society is notified of any changes.

## Society of Mayflower Descendants in Ohio Scholarship Information

**Deadline: 10 March 2017**

1. A minimum of one \$1,000 scholarship is available.
2. The applicant must be a Adult or Junior Member of the Ohio Society. There is no restriction on the residence of the applicant.
3. During the school year, 2016-2017, the applicant must be enrolled in the first year or later of a college or university program leading to a bachelor's or advanced degree.
4. The original essay of **750** words or less must be written and signed by the applicant. The topic is "*What was Chief Massasoit's role in the Mayflower Pilgrim's Story?*" A bibliography is required. Do not include pictures.
5. The committee will judge the essay on content, accuracy of facts, grammar, and neatness. Any electronic sites cited in the bibliography must still be available at the time of judging.
6. Please use a size 12 or larger font.
7. Only original documents will be accepted. No electronic transmitted documents will be accepted.
8. The maximum award of a scholarship is two times to an applicant.
9. The scholarship need not be given if the committee decides there are no qualified applicants.
10. The winner(s) will be notified by late March 2017 and will be invited to present the winning essay at the Annual Assembly held in May. Expanded information about the winner may be printed in the next issue of the "*Buckeye Mayflower*".
11. The award will be paid directly to the student by the Society treasurer upon receiving proof that the student is enrolled for the next school year.
12. An application for the scholarship is on the next page. The blank application may be copied.
13. The application and essay must be postmarked by 10 March 2017 to be considered for a scholarship.

**Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio**  
**Scholarship Application Form**  
**Deadline to apply: 10 March 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & year of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution of higher learning currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected degree & graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilgrim Ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's State Society Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Jr#? Adult#?

Direct lineage connection to the Ohio Society (Name, address, relationship, Colony, General Society Number & Ohio Society number) \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

Please enclose two letters of reference. One should be from a professor or our advisor. The others should be a character reference from a person not related to you. Each should contain the person's printed/typed name and address, should be sealed, and should be mailed with the application and essay.

The application mailed by you should include the following:

This scholarship application.

Essay of 750 words or less. See the Guidelines for topic. Sign the essay.

Letters of reference described above.

Materials must be **postmarked** by 10 March 2017 and mailed to:

Mary Chase, Scholarship Chair, 7655 Isaac Drive, Cleveland, OH, 44130-6276.  
Email address for questions: mechase1960@gmail.com