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## A message from our Governor

Cousins,

The summer is almost over and that means that some of us are thinking about our November Compact Day meetings. Cincinnati Colony will celebrate on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Western Reserve on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo are holding their Compact Days on November 10<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to attend any of these meetings or more than one. Compact Day celebrations aren't about you and me. We are celebrating our ancestors and their contributions to our American way of life. Your presence honors your ancestor. So, try to attend at least one meeting so you can answer the roll call.

Dues forms have been sent out electronically. Our assistant treasurer will have paper copies of the dues statement printed and mailed soon to those who haven't responded electronically. It would help the Ohio Society if you responded to the online request and paid immediately. That way we can avoid printing and mailing charges as well as the labor to stuff all of those envelopes. For the first time, you can pay your dues online through PayPal or credit card. I tried it and it was easy. In any case, the deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

While money is on my mind, I want to remind all of you that we still need a state treasurer. So, if you've been thinking about volunteering for this position, contact me at [carkin9th@yahoo.com](mailto:carkin9th@yahoo.com). Our assistant treasurer also serves as our Historian (handles all of our membership applications). She cannot do both jobs permanently. If no one volunteers, we will have to hire someone to help us. This is a great time to become more active. Wouldn't you like to be involved some way in a Society that is celebrating a 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

This summer I was on another journey. My friend, Jill Parker, of Western Reserve Colony, did a bit of research and comparison to make my voyage more enjoyable. My ship was the Rotterdam and she sailed to and from Boston visiting various Viking lands on the way to Rotterdam in Holland. The Rotterdam, according to Jill, is 780 feet long and 105.8 feet wide.



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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

It is wonderful to see how our Society has been growing. As of the day I am writing this, we have 984 active members. Cincinnati Colony has 167 members, Cleveland 189, Columbus 310, Toledo 110 and Western Reserve 210. We currently have six members who have been part of the Ohio Society for over 60 years! We have welcomed 65 new members so far in 2018. These numbers change almost daily! The lists of new adult and junior members as well as supplementals approved will be in the December Buckeye Mayflower.

I want to make a comment about the conversion of our junior members to adult members. We want to see those young people become active, engaged members of the Society as they are the ones who will insure our future. Our Bylaws state that if a junior member converts to adult membership between his/her 18th and 25th birthdays, the application fee will be waived. That means the fee is waived for the applicant, but the Ohio Society has to pay the \$75.00 verification fee to the General Society and incurs all the costs of producing and mailing a membership certificate and other associated application expenses for a total of over \$100.00. We believe this is an important investment in the future of our Society. We are distressed however at the number of these young people who immediately drop their membership once they become responsible for annual dues. So please, if you are facilitating adult membership for your child, grandchild or other junior member, make sure that he/she really wants to become a member. We want them, but they need to want us!

The same goes for members who pay the full application fee for their children, grandchildren, etc. to become members of the Society. Your financial investment plus the time investment of your Historian team is important for the life of the Society, but again, we are very distressed to see so many of these new members drop their membership in the first year. Maybe some of these people will want to be reinstated sometime in the future, but in the meantime, it gives us all false hope for the growth of the Society.

We are continuing to grow our network of volunteer assistant historians. As Shaun Smith reports in the Cincinnati update on page 11, I talked with a great crew of volunteers by Skype on Saturday September 8th. We are looking for more members around the state who can function as coaches for our applicants. We want our prospective members to understand that we want them to be successful in their application process. Our volunteers will make sure they are invited to meetings, get help with identifying gaps in their documentation, finding repositories for those documents and, if needed, assist in preparing their documentation for submission. I generate new lists of prospective members monthly. It is my hope that our volunteers will make contact with new folk on the list as well as people who have been on the lists for years to let them know about meetings and that help is available. Each volunteer can help by email, phone or in person meetings if desired. If you think you are interested in helping, please contact me at [ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com) or your Colony historian.



I am almost finished preparing another banker's box of Ohio Mayflower files to be transported to the library of the Ohio Genealogical Society in Belleville. If your state number is between 3,371 and 3,450, your file is in the box. I do have electronic copies of everything in your files so if you want to do a supplemental or a family members wants to join, I have all your information. If you requested that the documents on the living be redacted or shredded, that has been done. If you requested that those documents be returned to you, I have them pulled and will be mailing them to you in the next few weeks.

*Ann Gullbransen, Historian*

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Milestones March 2018-August 2018

#### Years since election to membership!

#### Cincinnati Colony

Lisa Lipps - 50 years  
 Betty Hamlin - 40 years  
 Richard Stephens - 20 years  
 Ann Marie Stephens - 20 years  
 Michael Morrison - 20 years  
 Jason Zib - 20 years  
 Elizabeth Burns - 20 years

#### Cleveland Colony

Lynne Scott - 55 years  
 Mary Burns-Hoff - 35 years  
 Bruce Burns - 35 years  
 Harold Burns - 35 years  
 Josiah Mason - 35 years  
 William Goff - 25 years  
 Steven Beckwith - 20 years  
 Edward Moore - 20 years  
 Deborah Tahsin - 20 years



#### Columbus Colony

Virginia O'Connor - 50 years  
 Kent Ellis - 50 years  
 Helen Hammond - 40 years  
 Brian Elston - 40 years  
 Sandra Philbeck - 40 years  
 Heather Phalen - 35 years  
 Steven Vrooman - 30 years  
 David Gallit - 25 years  
 Richard Hess - 20 years

#### Western Reserve Colony

Jerry Ackerman - 40 years  
 Melody Youngkin - 40 years

New adult and junior members  
 will be listed in the December  
 newsletter.

### REFLECTIONS ON "THE PILGRIM PLEDGE"

The Mayflower Society, at all levels (The General Society, the State Societies and the local colonies) operate as "**Mutual Aid**" organizations. Let's face it, in Ohio we owe our great success to the fact that the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Western Reserve Colonies all work together bringing their unique skills and talents together for the mutual benefit of ALL OF US. When organizations operate in a mutual aid manner they do so voluntarily by respectfully acknowledging each others' strengths, resources and abilities to contribute for the benefit of the whole Society.

I like that we include reading The Pilgrim Pledge at our Colony and State gatherings. So I started thinking about who wrote the pledge, when was it written, was there a special occasion for its first reading, and so forth. I do not have all the answers (yet) but I did find evidence that The Pilgrim Pledge was written by Maurice Hudson Thatcher (1870-1973) who was a US Congressman from Kentucky, appears to have been a member of the DC Mayflower Society, and is mentioned at length in Turner Classic Movies website summary about the 1952 film, Spencer Tracy film *Plymouth Adventure*. In the TCM writeup Thatcher is identified as the Deputy Governor General of the National Society of Mayflower Descendants. [I encourage you to go to the website: <http://www.tcm.com/tcmdb/title/2152/Plymouth-Adventure/full-synopsis.html>]

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She can hold 1404 passengers and 600 crew. The voyage, with many stops, took 38 days. How does this compare with the Mayflower and her voyage from Plymouth England to Plymouth in the New World? Our Mayflower was 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. She transported 102 passengers and 30 crew. The voyage took 66 days. I'm positive that the Rotterdam's cabins, food, and entertainment were superior to those on the Mayflower. Thank you, Jill!

Now that you have the dates for Compact Day. Put them on your calendar and decide to attend at least one of these gatherings. The food is good and the company is even better.

*Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Governor*



## SMDOH Donations

You have probably noticed that your Ohio Society asks for donations when we send out our annual dues notices and life member update forms. Here are more details about the donations we suggest for you.

### **Donations to the Ohio Society**

- **General Fund:** The General Fund is our operating account. Donations to this fund allow us to do special projects like the donations of Mayflower books to libraries around the state. SMDOH had donated to 9 libraries so far with several others in the queue for this fiscal year. A full set of books costs over \$1,000.
- **Scholarship Fund:** SMDOH offers annual scholarships to members and former junior members who are in college or graduate school. The money that funds these scholarships is held in a restricted fund and can be used only for these awards. We pay for the awards with the interest the fund earns. Your donation increases the principal in the account which then generates more interest and thus more money for scholarships.
- **Junior Member activities -** SMDOH would like to do more for our junior members such as providing age appropriate books and activities aimed at juniors. Donations to this account will allow SMDOH to increase the annual budget for our Junior Coordinators.
- **Life member fund -** If you are a life member in the program discontinued in 2009, you may donate to this restricted fund to help guarantee there is enough month to pay your GSMD dues for life.

### **Pass through donations to the General Society or Plimoth Plantation**

- **Pennies for Planks -** These are funds for the restoration of the Mayflower II, The ship is currently being rebuilt in Mystic CT, but the plan is to have it back on the waterfront in Plymouth in 2019. All donations to this cause are sent to Plimoth Plantation which owns the replica ship. Donations after the Mayflower II is back in Plymouth will be used for ongoing maintenance
- **Pilgrim Meeting House -** you should have read former Governor General Lea Filson's article about the Pilgrim Meeting Hose in the March 2018 Buckeye Mayflower and issues of the Mayflower Quarterly. The restoration and maintenance of this magnificent building is a major undertaking and all funds donated are sent to GSMD.

All donations are tax-deductible.

## TREASURER'S CORNER

### 2019 Membership Dues now Payable

If you have an email address on file with us, you should have received either your annual dues statement or a Life member update form. Thank you to all our members who have already responded. We really appreciate it! To date, 264 members have responded to our email dues notices with 77 using the new online option. Only 546 to go!

Paper dues notices will be mailed in the middle of September to those who have not already paid. We need to receive your dues by November 1st so you remain a member in good standing.

### New!

New for the 2018-2019 membership year - we can now accept your dues payments by credit card or PayPal! Go to [www.ohiomayflower.org/dues](http://www.ohiomayflower.org/dues) to make your dues payment or subscribe to the 16 page printed newsletter. There is a small service fee to cover what PayPal charges us.

We can also accept your donations to Ohio Mayflower activities or to the General Society, Go to [www.ohiomayflower.org/donations](http://www.ohiomayflower.org/donations) to donate. Read about our donation programs on page 5 and on the website.

### New Life Member Program

In the Bylaws changes approved in May 2018, you voted to begin a new Life Membership program for members in good standing ages 60 and over. This program is now open! Your Ohio Board of Assistants has approved a sliding fee schedule based on your age:

- Age 60-69 - \$1,250.00
- Age 70-79 - \$900.00
- Age 80-89 - \$500.00
- Age 90+ - \$250.00

Members who elect to join this new program will no longer be required to pay annual dues. The funds you pay now will cover your annual national, state and colony dues for life.

If you are interested in this new program, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen for a registration form at [ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com) or at 2234 S. Medina Line Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281.

## Living the Mayflower Mission

**Outreach 101:** *Be sure you keep your family and friends up to date on what's happening in the Mayflower Society: your involvement, meetings, gatherings, speakers, events, etc. Invite them to attend.*

**Outreach 102:** *Contact your local library to see if you can do a display in November in their secure showcase. Invite other members to help you put up a display; but sure to have a Display Notecard stating that the display is provided by The Mayflower Society (name your colony).*

**Outreach 103:** *Contact your local historical society and genealogical groups to see if you can provide a talk. Even if you just ask to be on the agenda for 5 minutes you can give them some information about your next meeting, the speaker, cost, etc.*

## OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

### Religion's Fundamental Role in Separatist's Migration to the New World

Our Pilgrim ancestors' lives were deeply rooted in their religion. Not only did Protestantism manifest in their multiple weekly services, but it influenced their ideals and community structure. Possibly the most significant effect it had was to motivate their move to the Americas to start a new life.

The Pilgrims believed that the teachings of the Church of England and those of the Catholic Church were too far removed from those of the Bible. They saw the extra sacraments, rituals, and church officials as oppositions to Christ's teachings. The Pilgrims even used an earlier translation of the Bible known as the Geneva edition to avoid the influence of the Church of England in the later published King James Bible.

Many of the Pilgrims were part of a subset of Protestantism called the Separatists. More outspoken than the Puritans who sought to clean or reform the Anglican Church, the Separatists wanted to break away from the church entirely in order to more closely follow their faith. While in England they started a printing press so that they could distribute pamphlets and books which supported Separatist beliefs.



Mica Brooks

These actions and their refusal to attend Anglican Church services which opposed their beliefs did not go unnoticed. Church officials and even King James I, who was head of the church, went so far as to jail them for their refusal to participate. The Separatists left England in the hope to gain their religious freedom.

The first place they tried to resettle was Holland. Although they gained their religious freedom, their conservative views did not match those of the Dutch natives. Those who left for mainly economic reasons, but also in support of their Separatist relatives, struggled to support themselves here as well.

This combination of motives ultimately led the Separatists to migrate to the New World. Not only did they escape the persecution of the Church of England, but they gained the freedom to start their own society. In their new home, they made both the religious and economic rules, which allowed them full autonomy. For the Separatists, religion ruled their life. It seems fitting that their goal of following their specific beliefs was the main motivation to seek out a new home.

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Mica was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship. She is attending Purdue University.

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The Pilgrim Pledge serves as a reminder that our membership in the Society does not end once we prove that our ancestors “stepped foot in Plymouth”. It is a reminder that the mutual aid they practiced in 1620 is alive today in our organization. So here it is, our reminder that we each have strengths, resources and abilities that we can pledge to our Colony and Society:

*Jill Parker*

## The Pilgrim Pledge

*In the name of God, Amen. I pledge myself to hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good, to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration therefrom, to emulate their spirit to be loyal to the Flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom, to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage, and at all times and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim example.*

Maurice Hudson Thatcher

## Help Wanted – SMDOH Treasurer

The Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants is seeking a member to complete the current term of treasurer, beginning immediately through May 2020. The appointee may run for future terms if desired.

### Qualifications:

Organized and detail oriented.

Experienced user of Microsoft Office applications, particularly Excel. Working knowledge of Microsoft Access a bonus. Current applications are all Windows based (must have Windows for Microsoft Access).

Financial experience such as in banking, accounting or bookkeeping strongly preferred.

User of QuickBooks accounting software strongly preferred (software will be provided by SMDOH).

Able to attend 4 Board of Assistants meetings annually physically or by Skype (3 in Columbus).

### Responsibilities per the bylaws:

“The Treasurer shall collect all entrance fees and dues, shall attend to all disbursements and shall have charge of all funds of the SMDOH under the direction of the BOA. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the SMDOH and shall make a report to date, including outstanding obligations at all meetings of the BOA and shall, at the Annual Meeting, report in full the receipts and disbursements of the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall disburse only such funds that are in the annual operating budget as approved by the BOA or as the SMDOH, BOA or the Finance Committee shall direct. The Treasurer shall ensure that the required financial filings with the State of Ohio and the Internal Revenue Service are filed on a timely basis.”

Training will be provided.

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

This summer activity by the committee is holding steady, starting this fall onward much of our activity will be increasing. All the colonies are working well towards their time frame goals and its much appreciated. The Columbus Colony project leader has been working diligently to the finalize the hotel contract and at this time it has been forwarded to Margo Broehl the SMDOH attorney.

EARLY HOTEL REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, as we have shared, the weekend of May 1-2,2020 is OSU graduation. You will be able to make reservations at the POLARIS HILTON STARTING THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2019. Even if you are not sure you will be needing it, these reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours before the date. More SPECIFIC INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW prior to May of 2019.

Last issue, we shared the Mayflower related topics that our distinguished speaker D. Joshua Taylor will be covering, don't forget the May 1 Friday Evening will have a meet and great photo session with Joshua Taylor. A professional photographer will be present, so you can get the best picture. We hope you will join us for the fun.

Along with our principal celebration on May 1-2 of 2020 other projects are moving along as we approach 2020.

*MAYFLOWER II RESTORATION* is taking place at the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut and we are asking colony members to save their loose change to support the project and at the Compact Day meeting bring your donation. The progress can be seen at the following website.

/ <https://www.mysticseaport.org/wp-content/uploads/d2017-12-0237.jpg>

*BRING THEM ALL ON BOARD*- At the 2020 Commemoration a prize will be given to the member who has brought the most family members on board the Society. So, let's get all those cousins who qualify going!! (Editor's Note: please make sure they really want to be members - we don't want to have you invest in their membership only to have them drop out!)

*Silver Book Donations* – The series of the first five generations of the Mayflower are being donated to Ohio Libraries and we are trying to keep them geographically located so that more potential members can access this resource. An announcement will be made at the 2020 Commemoration of all the locations that will have that resource.

*Mayflower Period Dress*- Many of the BOA members and 2020 Committee members are in the process of obtaining period dress for 2020 and beyond. Western Reserve Colony has contracted with a seamstress to help them. Contact Jill Parker, LT Governor of the colony for how she did this. Several members of the Cincinnati Colony are in early talks with a seamstress in Yellow Springs. We will let you know if this might be an option.

### Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$1.00

Send order and payment to:

Ann Gulbransen, Acting Treasurer  
2234 S. Medina Line Rd  
Wadsworth, OH 44281

*Beth Anderson, 2020 Committee Chair*

## Western Reserve Challenge for 2020

### “Scout” badges for Mayflower Descendants? Not exactly, but...

Most of us know how scout badges work. Choose from a checkoff list of qualifying activities, earn points, and you’ve got your badge. Well, we thought it would be fun to put together some criteria so you can earn points toward a “badge” (or pin or other award yet to be determined). So here is how it works:

1. You need to earn 400 points total by State Assembly Day 2020 (May 1-2, 2020).
2. You are on the Honor System for tracking. You will need your tracking sheet(s) to receive the award. **The tracking sheet will also tell you how many points you get for each activity.** You can use the form included with the email edition of Buckeye Mayflower or download the tracking sheet off our website: <https://ohiomayflower.org/>
3. Your qualifying activities are retroactive! How cool is that? You can go back as many years as you would like to earn the points.

**Qualifying Activities** include (1) *get* a supplemental, (2) *join* a family organization, (3) *attend* meetings, (4) *bring* guests to the meetings, (5) *display* Mayflower items at a library or historical society, (6) *share* your Pilgrim/Mayflower story with others (show & tell), (7) *read* books, poems about the Mayflower/Pilgrims, (8) *write* an article for the Buckeye Mayflower or Mayflower Quarterly, (9) *watch* a movie or documentary about the Mayflower/Pilgrims, (10) *serve* on a Mayflower Board or committee, (11) *visit* Plymouth, Leiden, or England, (12) *wear* your Pilgrim outfit, (13) *acquire* Anniversary items, (14) *donate* to a Mayflower fund raiser.

So get started, and watch future newsletters for suggested readings, documentaries and opportunities to serve on Boards and Committees!

### Ohio Mayflower Society’s 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ancestor Box – how to order yours

Earlier this year the Ohio BOA approved a special way for our members to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower. Western Reserve Colony is coordinating this offering which will also raise funds for Ohio’s 2020 State Assembly Event.

You can order your own “Ancestor” or “Ancestry” Box as detailed here:

Measurements are 7” square by 4” high. Two types of finish are available: natural and gray wash. The boxes cost \$75 (\$88.65 if shipped) with over \$30 going to the SMDOH 2020 budget. The top is the same on all boxes: it is the official 400 Year Anniversary Ohio Logo. The front is personalized with YOUR membership information. That leaves the 2 sides and back for additional information. We know your ancestor passengers will need at least one side. We will find a way to get your ancestor information on one, two or three sides. If your ancestor information only needs one side, we have ready made information for the other two sides: (1) a map and explanation of the voyage itself and (2) the famous one small candle quote by William Bradford.

You can get the order form from the state website: [OhioMayflower.org](http://OhioMayflower.org), select Western Reserve Colony, Announcements to print off an order form. Complete the order form and send to Jill Parker, 886 Rosemarie Circle, Wadsworth, OH 44281; or email the order form to her at [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com) (please put Mayflower Ancestry Box in the subject line).

Currently the only method of payment is by check, made out to “Western Reserve Colony”. You will be emailed a proof of the box, for your approval, before it is actually produced.

We have included some pictures here for you to get an idea of what the boxes look like. And a number of these have already been produced so you may even see one at a Colony meeting.



## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, the Cincinnati Colony held a member meeting to socialize with our Mayflower cousins and discuss the various committee activities that we are working on. Our meeting was held at Parkers Blue Ash Tavern.

We had four new members join us at the meeting: Paul Griffith a George Soule descendant, Carol Byrd a John Howland descendant, and Laura Hawthorn an Isaac Allerton descendant, Wanda Langdon an Edward Fuller descendant. Welcome to the Colony!

We also had two prospective members join us, Alison Haskins and Debbie McMullen.

In Cincinnati, we are embarking on a new program to assist our Ohio State Historian. For the presentation on 9/8/2018, we brought Ann Gulbransen to the meeting via Skype and she provided training to all our volunteers that would like to be Assistant Historians for the Cincinnati Colony. Ann explained what needed to be provided for each application and answered questions that everyone had. A VERY BIG thank you to all the volunteers that will be assisting Ann with the process. Thank you to Ann for sharing your years of knowledge with our new Army of Historians!



Jean Muetzel, Historian  
Wanda Langdon  
Susan Davis  
Carol Byrd  
Star Vondrell  
Clay Crandall

Sue Bray, Deputy Historian  
Vicki Reel  
Beth Anderson  
Paul Griffith  
Stephanie Smith

The Cincinnati Colony will also be participating in the Day with the Experts at the Cincinnati Public Library on October 6, 2018. Our team leaders at this event will be Susan Davis and Beth Anderson. Stop by and say hi to Susan and Beth at the library and attend one of the sessions. There will be two speakers and tours of the genealogy section. For more information please check this link: [Link to the "Day with the Experts Event"](#)

We hope to see everyone at Compact Day on November 3rd. The reservation forms will be sent out by email soon.

#### Upcoming Events:

October 6, 2018 – Day with the Experts, Cincinnati Public Library

November 3, 2018 – Compact Day

May 1st thru 4th – OGS Meeting, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

May 17th & 18th – Ohio Mayflower Society State Meeting

*Shaun Smith, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

### News from the Cleveland Colony

**Meetings:** The colony continues to hold four Board meetings and one business meeting annually.

**2018 State Assembly:** The Cleveland Colony hosted the 2018 SMDOH State Assembly Day. The 120<sup>th</sup> Annual State Assembly was held at Radisson Hotel-Gateway located at 651 Huron Road East Cleveland, Ohio. The 2020 400 Year Anniversary Subcommittee met in the afternoon at the hotel. The Friday night event included a late afternoon Soldiers and Sailors Monument Tour and Euclid Beach Silver Bullet rides by the "Rocket Girl" touring Public Square and nearby attractions. The "rocket ride" was the highlight of the day for sure. The constant laughter was heard before and during

the tour by the riders and bystanders on the streets of Cleveland.

The morning speaker was from the Western Reserve History Center's Curator of Collections & Exhibits, Eric Rivet's "**Cleveland at War**" program. What was Cleveland's role in World War I and World War II? He told us about how Cleveland's industrial power made key contributions to both wars. Also, told stories of prominent Clevelanders and local heroes who helped achieve victory and shared some of the treasures of the Western Reserve Historical Society's military collections in his power point presentation. The program was enjoyed immensely by all. The Italian "**The Mama Mia Buffett**" lunch and annual business meeting followed.



The State Day keynote speaker was Plimoth Plantation's Director of Education and Public Programs, Vicki Oman. She illuminated the "**Mayflower Compact**" by discussing it from the perspective of two women aboard Mayflower. On the journey, and in the early years of the colony, the line between the worlds of men and women was not as firm as it had been in England. The limited space on the ship and in the first homes created an unusual intimacy; women probably witnessed events which were ordinarily only witnessed by men. Vicki Oman explored the creation and influence of the document by portraying Goodwife Elizabeth Hopkins and Mistress Mary Brewster, two of our nation's founding mothers. She stayed after her presentation for photo opportunities and visited with the planning committee for quite some time. We really enjoyed her company and shared stories.



There were numerous vendors located in the Salon room this year with multiple sales. We were told they enjoyed each other's company. Several door prizes were drawn at the closing of the day. We shared the June Ohio Buckeye newsletter with the speakers so they could see their contribution to SMD of Ohio. We encouraged guests to take advantage of the downtown attractions. Our goal was to make the 2018 State Assembly Day fun, educational and memorable for everyone. The entire event went well for the Cleveland Colony. The planning committee has already started coming up with ideas for the next one we host in **2023!** The May 2019 State Assembly Day **SAVE THE DATE** cards were handed out to the members and guests by Lt. Governor Shaun Smith from the Cincinnati Colony.

**2018 Compact Day:** The annual November 10, 2018 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. The speaker will be Dr. Michael T. George presenting his new program "**War of 1812**". He is the author of the Best Selling book "My Story of America". Dr. Michael was the keynote speaker at the Cincinnati Colony State Assembly Day a few years ago and the Cleveland Colony has invited him to our Compact Day Dinner. As in the past, we will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests. More details to follow.

*Vickie Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

### Past Events

Columbus Colony Board meeting was held February 17, 2018 at the home of Lt. Gov. Sharon Hendershot. The Colony standing rules were approved as corrected and will be available at the April meeting. State Counselor Margo Broehl has approved the Colony by-laws and they were submitted to the membership for vote. Ballots were counted at the April meeting and the by-laws were approved. Colony President and Recording Secretary have signed copies as does the State Recording Secretary, Pat Hall. Ann Gulbransen has received a copy by e-mail.

### Upcoming Events:

**June 3, 2018 The Summer Picnic was cancelled.** Sharon Bardus has agreed to bring something for juniors to the November & May meetings.

**November 10, 2018 Compact Day Meeting at Kensington Place.** Paul La Rue, at retired Social Studies teacher from Washington Court House will give a power point program on the war experiences of two African American officers in

the Great War. He and his students initiated a project to mark the graves of African Americans in WW 1. Liz Burkhart from LB Creations will bring samples of 1600<sup>th</sup> Century clothing made by her company. Jill Parker from Western Reserve will come in period attire and discuss the armament fundraiser for the Honor Guard.

**Education & Outreach:** Janice Kleinline, Education Chair presented a school program on the Wampannoog Indians this fall in South Bloomfield and in New Albany. She also spoke to the Cleveland Colony.

**Scholarship** Rachel Jakes has submitted an application for the Colony \$1000 scholarship. She wrote a journal piece about her experiences on the Mayflower. Scholarship applications for the coming year are due to Dr. Janet Ebert, Chairman by May 1.

*Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

### News from the Toledo Colony

Members of Toledo Colony met at Mary Jane Thurston State Park along the beautiful Maumee River west of Grand Rapids for the summer picnic on Saturday, 28 July 2018. New member Vickie Kuli, husband John, and three grandchildren led the line through the potluck selections, all delicious. Vickie received her Mayflower ship pin and new member packet. Pilgrim-era games were available for the children.



Betsy Ross, complete in period dress, told us of her life. From a Quaker family, her father had helped build Independence Hall. While an upholsterer's apprentice, Betsy Briscock met John Ross. When they married, she was written out of the Quaker faith because John was not a Quaker. Thus, when she was widowed at 23, she had none of her own family to turn to. John's father inherited the small shop John and she had started. It was during this time that Betsy was approached by Robert Morris and General George Washington about making a banner or flag to represent the new country. Thus it is that we

remember her as Betsy Ross, even though she married two more times. So, if you ever see a gravestone with "Betsy Ross", it is a fake. It should read "Betsy (Briscomb) Ross Ashburn Claypool". Re-enactor Sandra Zikursh (440-257-5798) did an excellent job.

There were three applicants for the colony scholarship. The winner will be announced in the fall issue of the Toledo Colony Chronicle, in October.

Help is needed for the colony to function smoothly. Please volunteer.

On Saturday, 10 November, the Compact Day meeting will be held at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village, beginning with fellowship at 11:30. Meal cost is \$15. Reservations should be made with Jeff Stoll, [willowcove@lighthouse.net](mailto:willowcove@lighthouse.net), 906-440-5088. More details will be available in the colony newsletter, sent to all members and preliminaries, and on the State website, six to four weeks before the November date.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

### News from the Western Reserve Colony

#### WR Colony Gatherings Update:

**June 16, 2018** - We held our picnic (noon at Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner St, Greentown, OH) and, of course, played The Mayflower Maize and awarded lots of prizes.

**September 16, 2018**...a precursor to October's Family History Month. **Ted E. Dudra**, who has portrayed many historical figures, who will be "presenting Teddy Roosevelt". You can check Ted out by searching on ***Teddy Roosevelt presenter*** on facebook or doing the same search in Google. Location: Skyland Pines Banquet Center, 3550 Columbus Road NE, Canton, OH 44705.

**November 11, 2018** - Compact Day Meeting – the program will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day. In addition to the speaker we will be approving our WR ByLaws revisions, presenting thank you gifts to special "business" partners of the Colony, and presenting one of our members with a very special award.

**Mayflower Maize Game Sales Update:** The wonderful Mayflower Quarterly article resulted in over 100 sales and our supply is now sold out. Over 50 of the purchases included the special wooden box edition. We will be collecting names of interested members for a small reprinting in the next few months. Reminder: This was part of WR educational outreach program and was priced accordingly; this was not a fund raiser.

**Mayflower Ancestry Box Sales Update:** Orders have been steady and what a wonderful experience to share in the joy people have had in putting together the information and then in receiving their box. We have sold 12. With net proceeds going to the SMDOH 2020 budget, **over \$390 has been designated for that fund so far**. Western Reserve makes no money on this, we do this as a service to SMDOH and its members.

**Mayflower Guard - Ohio Guarantor Program Update:** Seven individuals have donated. We have \$375 in this fund. The pins were donated and the only expense we had was mailing a pin, \$5.90. This means that **\$369.10 is in the Guard Fund** and available for individuals who want to be part of the Guard and need help with the expenses of their outfits/armaments. See the June 2018 newsletter for details on this program.

**WR Distinguished Descendant Award:** We are pleased to announce this new award which will be given to **WR member Dick Fetzer** (*Doty, Warren*) at our Compact Day meeting, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018. This is not an annual award, but an award given for special service to the WR Colony and the field of genealogy in general. This is not a surprise, Dick knows about the award. Please join us on Nov. 11 as we honor this special member.

**Book Donations:** On July 29, WR member **Chris Karman** (*W Brewster*) made a very generous donation to the Hudson Library and Historical Society of many of the newest editions of the Mayflower "Silver Books" as well as other Mayflower publications. His donation will be added to the Elizabeth Gilliespie Phipps Archives. In addition to the **Karmans (Chris, wife Nancy and daughter Julia), John (Chilton) & Betty Franklin, John (Howland) & Janet Lennon, Ann Gulbransen** (*W Brewster, E Fuller, S Hopkins*) and **Jill Parker** (*J/J/E Tilley, Howland, Warren*) attended the donation ceremony.



**Leadership Team Updates:** Many thanks to WR member **Terri Brown** (*W/M/L Brewster, Alden, W/P Mullins, Warren, J/J/E Tilley, Howland*) who stepped up to the plate a couple of years ago and volunteered to be the Interim Junior Member Coordinator. Terri got up and running immediately with birthday cards to our junior members, correspondence to those members becoming eligible to adult membership, and by providing gifts and activities for Junior Members at our Colony Events, including the State Assembly in 2017, hosted by WR. Terri is now the WR Assistant Historian and will join WR Historian **Andi Riffle** (*Brewster, S Hopkins*), State Historian **Ann Gulbransen** and State Deputy Historian **Lee Martin** (*J/J/E Tilley, Howland, T Rogers*) as part of a support team to help SMDOH provide more assistance to applicants and to help Ann and Lee with their workload.

At the same time, **Sarah Keeler** (*Warren, F Cooke*) volunteered to become the Junior Member Coordinator. We welcome Sarah (mother of Junior Member Ryan).

*Jill Parker, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 16, 2018:** WR Colony meeting, "Presenting Teddy Roosevelt," Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge

**September 29 2018:** BOA meeting, MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale, Upper Arlington

**November 3, 2018:** Cincinnati Colony Compact Day Meeting, details TBA

**November 10, 2018:** Columbus Colony Compact Day, Kensington Place, details TBA

**November 10, 2018:** Toledo Colony Compact Day, Swan Creek Retirement Village, fellowship 11:30 a.m.

**November 10 2018:** Cleveland Colony Compact Day; Lakewood Country Club

**November 11, 2018:** Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, details TBA

**March 30, 2019:** Toledo Colony Spring meeting, Swan Creek Retirement Village, fellowship 11:30 a.m.

**May 1-4, 2019:** OGS Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

**May 17-18, 2019:** Ohio Mayflower state assembly, hosted by the Cincinnati Colony (see page 16)

**May 1-2, 2020:** 2020 Commemoration, Polaris Hilton, Columbus

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

Hello Ohio Mayflower Family,

As you know I'm always on the lookout for any mention of the Pilgrim or place associated with them. I found the book "New England Sea Tragedies" by Edward Rowe Snow. I suspect that the weather conditions told of in this book are in all likelihood very much like what the Pilgrims and those who came to Plymouth in the later years may have experienced. They even over the years had a pirate visit their town. There was a certain pirate by the name of William Johnson, alias Albert Hick. I'll shorten the story! The ship Johnson was found abandoned, (1860) but from every indication something violent had taken place. There was blood found below decks. The Mate was targeted, one William Johnson. His real name, given for the court record was Albert W. Hicks, the trial began on May 14, 1860. He was convicted as he had the watch of the captain of the Johnson in his pocket, and sentence to hang on July 13, 1860 on Bedloe's Island, the present site of the Statue of Liberty. On June 13, he revealed in great detail his life of crime, which included murder and piracy. He also worked for a time in Plymouth as well as returning there and committing a robbery.

The author also tells of the encounter with Corsairs in the Mediterranean, of a ship sailed from Plymouth for sites around the world. He wrote, "In the year 1625 two ships 'freighted from Plymouth' were taken by the Turks in the English Channel, and their crew sold into slavery." Surely Governor Bradford and the others at Plymouth in 1625 heard of the incident.

Storms also wreaked havoc on the South Shore. Plymouth would not have been immune to such storms. One such storm occurred on May 2, 1702 when "violent storm lashed the South Shore, and caught the brigantine *Larke* – her master, Captain Daniel Noyes -off the lee beach of Plymouth." She was smashed to bits and "more than half her cargo of Madeira wine was lost in the wreck. He also tells the story of "one of the most violent and destructive storms of the entire century began (Friday, October 19, 1770). He continued, "At Plymouth, many of the stores were blown down, and considerable damage was done by the wind. Sixty-one vessels were driven ashore there, and about fifty lives were lost in the area." He tells of other great storms on the South Shore, I'm sure during the days of our families living there they must have also experience great storms.

Agape,

Dr. Donald N. Nichols - AG

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