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## A message from our Governor

Season's Greetings to you all! It seems like the Holiday Season arrived early this year. For me, I'm sure it had something to do with missing most of the fall and all of our Compact Day celebrations because of my journey to Australia and New Zealand.

Since it is December, I thought it might be a good time to talk about "things", possessions, or as we anthropologists say, "material wealth." You know what I mean. Recently we have been or will soon be on the internet or in the stores buying gifts. So, what do you and yours really want? As you know, our Pilgrim ancestors brought very little with them from Leiden. Now most of us have too much.

Long ago and today, my most prized possessions, are "things" that evoke memories of people and places. For example, a cheap ceramic troll from Norway reminds me of the experiences and people there. I just added a crystal kiwi bird from New Zealand to my collection.

As our parents and other loved ones leave us, the loved ones gather and divide the possessions that are left. Hopefully, this happens peacefully. My mother-in-law, Audrey Rodestrom St. Martin died in August. Since the previous December, the family had been working on clearing out the family home, preparing it for sale. I asked for the stained glass sailboat I had given to my mother-in-law over 40 years ago. I was never able to find another sailboat for myself. She didn't want to bring it to the assisted living facility. It is hanging in my sunroom now. I think of my mother-in-law every day when I see that sailboat.

When we were in Minnesota in August for Audrey's funeral, my father-in-law could not find his DVD set of "As Time Goes By." Steve and I went down to the house to see if we could find the set there. The furniture was gone from the house. Little piles of family "junk" were here and there. It was a house, no longer a home. "As Time Goes By" wasn't there. We finished our house visit with a trip to the garage. What we found there surprised me. Two



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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Would you like to attend the 2020 Ohio Genealogical Society meeting at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky May 1-4, 2020 as the representative of the Ohio Mayflower Society and attend all the sessions you want for free? We usually have a table in the vendor hall at the OGS meetings, but the 2020 conference is the same weekend as our 400th anniversary commemoration in Columbus so we need a member (one or more) who are not planning to be in Columbus to take charge of the Mayflower table. All the materials you need will be provided, though you are free to expand the display. As a vendor, you will get a full pass to all the conference sessions except those that require an additional fee. We hope that more than one member will volunteer to participate in this wonderful conference and great opportunity to market our society. If you are interested, please email me ASAP at [ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowerhistorian@gmail.com) so I can submit the table reservation.

As you can see from the list of new members, Lee and I have been really busy. The staff at the General Society have been really slammed with applications so turnaround is slower than it has ever been. If you are waiting for a supplemental or have a family member waiting for an initial application, they are not lost, just moving slowly through the massive queue in Plymouth.

If you are thinking about a supplemental, please check with one of us to see if you are eligible to submit the new "Silver Supplemental" form that will be approved in just a week or two. The new line has to link to an existing one approved since January 1, 2016.

## BUCKEYE MAYFLOWER UPDATE

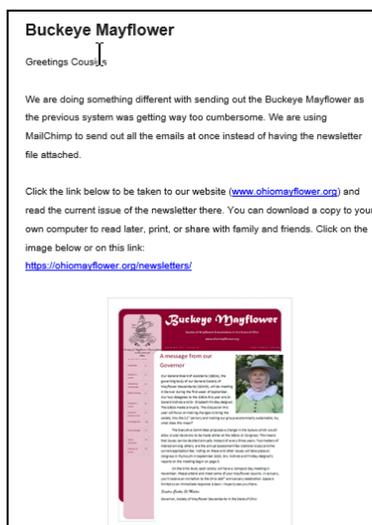
Editing the Buckeye Mayflower for all of you is a privilege and is a most enjoyable task. However the physical production and distribution of the newsletter presents some interesting challenges. Every Ohio member gets a newsletter as part of your membership, but you have choices in the delivery. For the last several years, you have had a choice between receiving an email attachment, full color, 16 pages, 4 times a year, a paper 16 page black & white version 4 times a year for an additional subscription price of \$5.00 to cover printing and postage, or a paper 8 page black & white edition twice a year. All three of these delivery methods present challenges.

The paper editions require our small band of volunteers to fold the newsletters, put on the disks to hold the pages together, add the stamps and mailing labels. For the June and December issues when we have almost 300 copies to process, we can spend a couple of days working. If any of you would like to help, please let me know!

The electronic issue has problems as well. The newsletter email address is a gmail account and gmail will only let you send to a maximum of 100 addresses at one time so sending each issue requires sending 8 separate emails, each of which needs to be separately created. This does not sound too bad until you realize that all bulk email to roadrunner/rr accounts are being blocked, resulting in 45 additional emails with the last issue. The last issue took almost an entire day to process.

I have been researching alternative emailing messaging systems to improve the process from my end and to give me more tools to make sure the issues get delivered to you. Most emailing services do not allow attachments but instead direct you to a link where you can download the desired content. Many Mayflower member societies have moved to distributing their newsletters in this manner. We believe this is the best plan for us moving forward. Ohio will be using MailChimp as our emailing platform.

So, beginning with the March 2020 edition, those of you who are subscribed to the email edition will receive an email notification that looks like the image on the left with a link that will take you to the [ohiomayflower.org](http://ohiomayflower.org) website newsletter page. Once you are there, you will be able to click on a link for the current issue—or any past issue that you want to read. Once you have the issue open, you can read it online or click the download button in the top right hand corner to download the issue to your own computer so you can print it or share it with family and friends.



## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### New Members, June 1 2019—November 30 2019

#### Cincinnati Colony

Scott Crawford, 10th from Edward Doty  
 Barbara Fox, 13th from James Chilton  
 Christopher Fox, 14th from James Chilton  
 Larry Garrison, 13th from James Chilton  
 Charlotte Goering, 12th from John Alden  
 Frederick Griffith, 11th from George Soule  
 Jeffrey Krueger, 14th from James Chilton  
 Randall Krueger, 14th from James Chilton  
 Vivian Krueger, 13th from James Chilton  
 Nancy Little, 10<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
 Sheila Schroeder, 11th from John Alden  
 Mary Stevens, 12th from Edward Doty  
 Janet Wansack, 11th from William White  
 Jennifer Willis, 11th from John Howland  
 Transfer-in, Suzanne Hogan, 12th from Stephen Hopkins

#### Cleveland Colony

Charles Beach, 11th from John Alden  
 Thomas Beach, 13th from John Alden  
 Brenda Campbell, 12th from James Chilton  
 Gerard Carleton, 13th from Edward Fuller  
 Melissa Cole, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 Brenda Driscoll, 12th from John Alden  
 Lisa Kozsey, 13th from William Bradford  
 Mark Sanzotta, 13th from William Bradford  
 Junior to Adult, Charlotte Hartwell, 12th from William Bradford

Junior to Adult, Frances Hartwell, 12th from William Bradford

Junior to Adult, Marion Hartwell, 12th from William Bradford

#### Columbus Colony

Colin Byler, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 Kayla Byler, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 Vickie Crumley, 13th from Edward Fuller  
 Matilda Davis-Northrup, 11th from Edward Doty  
 Lois Harmon, 12th from Edward Fuller  
 Alexander Hudson, 12th from Richard Warren  
 Dennis Jesse, 12th from William Bradford  
 James Kaufman, 11th from John Howland  
 Jane Moore, 13th from Edward Fuller  
 Eric Powell, 13th from William Bradford  
 Carol Tong, 13th from William Brewster  
 Tara Wyatt, 14th from Edward Fuller  
 Trisha Wyatt, 13th from Edward Fuller

#### Toledo Colony

Linda Larkin, 12th from Richard Warren  
 Transfer-in, Stephen Bennett, 12th from Edward Doty

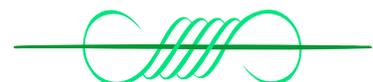
#### Western Reserve Colony

Anna Bristol, 11th from George Soule  
 Carol Ecklund, 11th from George Soule  
 Gary Mosteller, 12th from Stephen Hopkins  
 Gary Rice, 10th from Samuel Fuller

# Welcome!



### *JN MEMORIAM*



THE SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM  
 COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

- COL Rose Shilt, descendant of William White, born 10/10/1920, died 7/13/2019, member since 1/10/1970  
 COL Virginia Fulcomer, descendant of John Howland, born 10/11/1916, died 7/10/2019, member since 10/19/1991  
 WR Jan Duncan, descendant of William Bradford, born 10/23/1939, died 7/28/2019, member since 1/10/1987

## Supplementals Approved June 1 2019—November 30, 2019

### Cincinnati Colony

Carol Byrd, 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley  
 Carol Byrd, 13th from John Tilley  
 Carol Byrd, 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland  
 Charlotte Goering, 13th from Mary Brewster  
 Charlotte Goering, 13th from William Brewster  
 Charlotte Goering, 13th from William Mullins  
 Charlotte Goering, 12th from Love Brewster  
 Charlotte Goering, 12th from Priscilla Mullins Alden  
 Charlotte Goering, 13th from Richard Warren  
 Deborah McMullen, 11th from Stephen Hopkins  
 Deborah McMullen, 11th from Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins  
 Kristen O'Neil, 13th from John Billington

### Cleveland Colony

Kenneth Clark, 12th from Francis Cooke  
 Lucy Sekerka, 11th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland  
 Lucy Sekerka, 12th from Edward Fuller  
 Lucy Sekerka, 12th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley  
 Lucy Sekerka, 10th from Henry Samson

### Columbus Colony

Ramona Brinker, 13th from Isaac Allerton  
 Kathleen Dixon, 14th from Richard Warren  
 Kathleen Dixon, 15th from John Cooke  
 David Grinnell, 13th from Mary Brewster  
 David Grinnell, 12th from John Cooke  
 Julia Lambert, 12th from William Brewster  
 Matthew Morgan, 13th from Stephen Hopkins

### Toledo Colony

Steven Martin, 14th from Thomas Rogers  
 Steven Martin, 13th from Joseph Rogers

### Western Reserve Colony

Cheryl Strong, 12th from Richard Warren

# Congratulations!

## Commendation & Appreciation Certificates

Dr. Donald Nichols served as Governor of the Ohio Society for nine years. Throughout that time, he generously gave his time to the Ohio Society and promoted the Society whenever possible. Though he has not been Governor for five years, he continues to serve the Ohio Society. Dr. Don regularly attends board meetings, distributes messages from GSMD, writes a report for each BOA meeting and is a regular contributor to the Buckeye Mayflower. Throughout this time, Dr. Don has willingly stepped in during the frequent absences of our Elder by leading our yearly Memorial Service and leading the Ohio Society in prayer. This past year Dr. Don has taken on the responsibility of chairing our Ohio Society Scholarship Committee. Dr. Don is nominated by Governor of the Ohio Society, Sandra Carlin St. Martin.



## New Junior Members June 1 2019—November 30 2019

### Cincinnati Colony

Aloma Brown, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Alison Haskins  
 Andreas Pagdadis, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Charlotte Goering  
 Anna Grindstaff, James Chilton, Sponsored by Grandfather Deborah McMullen  
 Emmanuella Pagdadis, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Charlotte Goering  
 Martin Moon, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Alison Haskins  
 Meredith Grindstaff, James Chilton, Sponsored by Grandfather Deborah McMullen  
 Nilolas Pagdadis, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Charlotte Goering  
 Reed Grindstaff, James Chilton, Sponsored by Grandfather Deborah McMullen  
 Taylor Hogue, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Charlotte Goering

### Cleveland Colony

Caroline Mears, Isaac Allerton, Sponsored by Grandfather John Dingman  
 Kieran Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton  
 Leah Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton  
 Miriam Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton  
 Natalia Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton  
 Natalie Mears, Isaac Allerton, Sponsored by Grandfather John Dingman  
 Timothy Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton  
 Vera Carleton, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Jake Carleton

### Western Reserve Colony

Eleanor Hart, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Lori Hart  
 Gwyneth Hart, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Lori Hart  
 Johnathon Hart Jr., John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Lori Hart  
 William Smith, John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Lori Hart  
 Madison Harig, Thomas Rogers, Sponsored by Great Grandmother Vivian Harig

## 2020 Ohio Mayflower Scholarship

The Ohio Mayflower Society is pleased to once again offer one or more scholarships for the year 2020.

The topic for this year's competition is Leadership in a Fledgling Community.

*If you were establishing a new colony in a new undiscovered place on earth with one hundred (100) individuals, comprised of 37 men, 13 women and 50 children, how would you organize this group? What problems might you foresee and how would you assure that this group would survive? Please think about your ancestors of four hundred (400) years ago, and what made it possible for them to survive!*

The scholarship is open to adult or junior members of the Ohio Society who are currently enrolled in the first or later year of a college or university program leading to a bachelor's or advanced degree.

The application, essay, and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by February 10, 2020. Winners will be notified by late March 2020.

If you are reading the electronic copy of this newsletter, the scholarship application and more detailed instructions are included in the email you received.

If you are reading this newsletter on paper, go to [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org) where you will find a link to the application and information on the front page.

Please pass this on to other members of your family who would be interested in submitting.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

**Congratulations to Toledo Colony junior member, Ciara Carr, for being the 3rd place winner of the 2019 General Society of Mayflower Descendants national scholarship! There were 95 applicants with only four winners selected. Our Toledo Colony is excited to have Ciara as our junior member given this prestigious award.**

Ciara Carr of Anderson, Indiana, was homeschooled all twelve years and graduated in May 2019 with honors. Through high school, she played soccer, was actively involved in Bible Study Fellowship, was an eleven-year member of the Anderson Area Children's Choir and Youth Chorale, and a committed piano student of thirteen years. In ninth grade, she was in her first theatre production and quickly found a passion for performing. As a sophomore, she was the Red Queen in *Alice in Wonderland*, and in her junior year she landed the lead role of her greatest feminine role model from her favorite book, Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*. As a senior, she was also the lead in *Willie Wonka and the College Tour*, being quite appropriate as she had spent the last year visiting numerous colleges in preparation for her future decision. Ciara enjoys theater, whether it's performing, being an accompanist for a community theatre musical production, or being on crew backstage.



This fall, Ciara began as a freshman at Hillsdale College. She is a curious learner with many academic interests including music, languages, writing, education, and history. She has had basic introductory courses in Latin, Greek, and Mandarin, and is currently taking Spanish in college. Still not sure about a major, Ciara is pursuing a minor in music with an emphasis in piano. The college experience that renews her energy is singing in the choir with 130 other talented students who love music. In the future, she is interested in working with Bible translation.

A descendant of George Soule, Ciara is the daughter of Toledo Colony member Dawn (and Scott) Carr, and granddaughter of Toledo Colony member Paula (and Don) Niederhauser. She has one brother, Connor, who is a high school senior. The GSMD scholarship requirement was for high school seniors, and they were to answer in 1,500 words or less the following:

Essay Part 1 Historical: What led to the writing of the Compact? Why was it needed? Describe carefully the model Compact created for establishing and operating a properly functioning government.

Essay Part 2 Societal: What is the relevance of the government model described in the Compact for societies today struggling to develop a properly functioning government?

Essay Part 3 Personal: Compare ways you have faced challenges in your own life to the way the Mayflower colonists dealt with the challenges they faced in their quest to better themselves. How would your commitment to bettering yourself be supported by the opportunities this scholarship will make available to you?

The following is from Ciara's essay answering part 3 Personal: (permission given to reprint)

A few challenges the Pilgrims endured were the testing of their beliefs, the hardships of working with others, and the daunting shadow of the unknown ahead. In England the convictions of the Separatists opposed the law of the land. Since it was illegal to act against the Church, they were forced to comply or be persecuted. They wanted the ability to live out what they believed. During the journey to the New World, many interpersonal issues surfaced. The Stranger's lifestyles and economic goals contradicted those of the Separatists in religion and reasons for voyaging. The act of reconciling the two sides unified them and created a written relationship, seen in the Compact. Another challenge that daunted them was the uncertainty of the unknown. The Pilgrims had heard very little about what their New World held or how high a price they would have to pay to live there. Despite this, they worked as well as they were able to prepare themselves for it.

Similar to the Pilgrims, I have faced challenges in my life. Unlike the English Separatists, I have religious freedom to worship, for which I am grateful. However, it is the challenge of acting upon my convictions with which I struggle. One reason I admire the Pilgrims is because their action was based upon their faith. I must take a stand and practice what I preach like the Pilgrims did. As I grow and gain more opportunities, I seek to make my beliefs guide every aspect of my life. In my interactions with others, I am passionate about peacemaking. Most conflict can be solved through reconciliation. In my life I seek to love and respect everyone in each situation. This fall I head to college. Like the colonists, I face the unknown of taking the next step without seeing what is ahead. Even though the future's general shape is ahead of me, I do not completely know or understand the trials and treasures awaiting me there.

This scholarship has already strengthened my belief in the importance of history. The key to the future is learning to avoid past mistakes in order to grow as citizens for a better world. The opportunities this scholarship affords will prepare me for the future and would protect me from slipping down the slope of debt. I desire to be in a liberal arts institution that strives to build world changers by preparing their minds. Since I am responsible to pay for college, this scholarship would relieve a great amount of financial stress, allowing me the freedom to focus on academic excellence and service to others.

Whether it is a life changing voyage across the ocean or daily conversations to better understand someone else, we all choose what we will do with our resources. Deep convictions, relationships with other people, and unknown New Worlds have challenged both myself and my ancestors to take opportunities and turn them into something good and impactful. I want to be a world changer, and I believe that happens daily by putting others before yourself. Through historical, social, and personal methods, the colonists sacrificed for one another and clung to their beliefs. The dedication shown in the Mayflower Compact to preserve freedom, advance reconciliation, and commit to bettering society impacted history. They are a significant example to me and future generations.

## BOARD OF ASSISTANTS CANDIDATES for 2020-2023

### Governor - Jill Parker

Jill has been the WR Lt. Governor for the last 6 years .and has been very active crafting special projects and opportunities for SMDOH. She is a Howland/Tilley and Warren descendant.



### Deputy Governor—Lee Martin

Lee, a WR member, has been serving as Assistant/Deputy Historian since 2013. He will continue in that role in addition to his new duties as backup for the governor. He is a Howland/Tilley and Rogers descendant



### Corresponding Secretary—Vicky Heineck

Vicky a Cleveland Colony member, has been in this position since June 2016. Vickie is an Alden/Mullins descendant and transferred to the Ohio Society from Massachusetts along with her daughter. She works for Key Bank in Cleveland.



### Recording Secretary—Pat Hall

Pat, a WR Colony member, has been in this position since June 2016. Pat is a descendant of Edward Fuller and is a Clinical Nurse Specialist by trade.



### Treasurer—Larry Hoyt

Larry , a Cleveland Colony member, accepted appointment as treasurer in the fall of 2018 and is running for his first full term. He has been working hard collecting 2020 dues from our annual members. He is a descendant of Wm. Brewster and Peter Brown.



### Historian—Ann Gulbransen

Ann, a WR Colony member, has been serving as historian since 2006. During that time, she has shepherded over 1,400 applications to completion, making Ohio one of the most productive member societies. She is a descendant of Brewster, Hopkins and E. Fuller.



### Deputy Historian—Lee Martin

Lee has been serving as Assistant and now Deputy Historian since 2013 and has processed hundreds of preliminary applications and prepared hundreds of worksheets since then.



### Elder - Rev. David Foster

David, a Cleveland Colony member, has served as Elder since 2014. He is running for his third term. He is a John Alden descendant.



### Captain - Thomas Bradford

Tom, a Columbus Colony member, has been serving as Captain since 2017. He is running for his second term. He is a descendant of William Bradford , William Brewster and John Howland.



### Counselor - Margo Broehl

Margo, a WR Colony member, has been serving as counselor since 2017 and is running for her second term. She is an attorney in Wooster. She is a descendant of William Bradford.



### Surgeon - Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad

Beth, a Cleveland Colony member, has been SMDOH surgeon since 1996.



**You will receive your ballot with your invitation to the 400th Anniversary Commemoration sometime in January. You can mark them and mail them back to Pat Hall following the instructions on the ballot or bring them to the Commemoration and turn them in there. They will be tallied as part of the business meeting during the event.**

## TREASURER'S CORNER

We need your help!

In 2017 Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio pledged to donate \$5,000 to help in the renovation of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse in Plymouth, MA.

The Meetinghouse is located on the same plot where the *Mayflower* Pilgrims built the original Fort/Meetinghouse by 1622. This fifth structure, begun in 1897 and completed in 1899, stands at the top of Leyden Street overlooking Plymouth's historic Town Square.

To date we have collected \$1,364.00 leaving a balance of \$3,636. As you can see we need your help to meet our goal.

We will be presenting our pledge to The General Society of Mayflower Descendants on May 2nd, 2020 at our 2020 Mayflower Celebration in Columbus.

Please send your donations to Oh Mayflower Treasurer 7571 Amber Ln., Brecksville, OH 44141-1905. Please make your check to Ohio Mayflower Descendants.

Thank you for your help,

Larry Hoyt, OH Treasurer

Have you paid your dues for the 2020 membership year? As of December 1, 2019, there are still 122 of you who have not. If you are unsure, please contact Larry at OHMayflowerTreasurer@gmail.com or (440) 725-2677. If he does not receive your dues by December 31st, you will be dropped from membership and that would be a sad thing in this anniversary year.

### Mayflower Reminders in Alaska Susan Fisher Lt. Governor Toledo Colony

This past summer, to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, Tom and I spent a month in Alaska. It was interesting how some events reminded me of our Pilgrim ancestors. We planned our own trip, a similarity. We flew first class; not similar, but since it was been over 45 years since we had flown first class, we had to learn how to work the fancy "hidden" trays and ear-phone plug-ins. That was frustrating at times, but we worked to be flexible and laugh about obstacles, similar to what our ancestors probably did often. After traveling one day, we learned we could not proceed by boat as planned because the Alaska Marine Ferry workers had gone on strike, so we had to change our plans and fly back to the Seattle-Tacoma airport we had left earlier in the day. Not quite England to Holland to England and back to England when the *Speedwell* proved unseaworthy, but a change in plans anyway.

Once in Ketchikan, the car rental agent did not believe the car we had reserved was paid for, so we had to guarantee payment another way; our ancestors had to guarantee payment to the investors in England. There was no help with the location of items on the instrument panel. Was that like the sailors making fun of the Saints and Strangers? Events improved as that Sunday went on, for we were able to worship with like believers. We also met new friends.

At both Ketchikan and Sitka we gained a lot of knowledge about the Native cultures. Remember that the Wampanoag and Pilgrims lived mostly in harmony with each other for over 40 years. On Sitka, we walked among the grave stones in the National Cemetery. Imagine our surprise on finding, in all of the very old, rounded-top, white stones, one that was inscribed: Henry Antont Bromley. Born at Plymouth England. April 25, 1873. Died at Sitka Sept. 2, 1890. At Juneau, we rode the tram up the side of the mountain to overlook the town and harbor. Lo and behold, the largest island in the harbor is Mayflower Island!

Our last week, we rented a 22' motorhome. Of course that sat on a truck chassis, so we bounced a lot--up in the front, down in the middle, up in the back, like the small *Mayflower* must have done in the waves.

In the last two days, we faced fire. Remember those Billington boys who almost started a fire below deck, not too far from the ammunition store? Thankfully, they weren't successful. The fire we were near had closed the only north-south road between Fairbanks and Anchorage. We were on the north end of the fire, needing to go south. Thankfully, the visibility cleared in time for us to be able to follow a pilot car through the danger and for us to meet our departure deadline.

Will our trip influence American history? No, but our Pilgrims' journey, government, society, and lives certainly have!

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

### 2020 IS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR!

The Ohio Mayflower 2020 event is less than 6 months away. Invitations will be mailed before the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. The committee is urging you to respond early as the attendance is capped at 180 people. The hotel still has rooms at the event rate of \$129 plus tax, you are encouraged to register early, due to OSU graduation on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All the subcommittees are in high gear in their preparations and have planned an unforgettable event for you.

Don't forget our principal speaker is the noted genealogist D. Joshua Taylor who has prepared his talks at our request to focus on the Mayflower and her passengers and their significance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is a way for us to honor their bravery and commitment to each other as they began the building of a new world and eventually a new Country.

Just a bit of information for our members—the Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants will be supporting many of the costs of his event which has allowed us to keep the cost for the two days at \$150 per person. This price for members partially covers the hotel services of meeting rooms, AV services, and meals.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT AS ONE TO REMEMBER.

Merry Christmas from the 2020 Planning Committee

#### ***400 Point Challenge Registration Deadline Reminder!***

Just a reminder that registration for the Western Reserve Colony 400 Point Challenge that was introduced in the Fall Buckeye 2018 Mayflower ends Dec 31. Remember this is on the Honor System, you will not be required to submit any evidence of completion. However, we would LOVE to see an article or two about how what YOU did to earn some of your points or what you did with your KIDS/GRANDKIDS to earn the points. You can email Jill Parker ([cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com)) with the names of the people participating (name, dob, colony, ancestors) or find an actual registration form on the Ohio Society website and send/email that to Jill. Awards will be given at the 2020 State Assembly for those present; otherwise they will be awarded at the Colony level after May 2020.

I was catching up on reading books in my library that I had not read, even though they had been with me for some time. James Marten Edited the volume "Children in Colonial America". In chapter two by R. Todd Romero, he shared some observations regarding the Wampanoag children. He quoted Edward Winslow's observation that names of the children of this native people were "significant". Childhood was marked by various symbols, i.e. "Clothing and hairstyle, for example, served to denote sexual maturity, virginity, gender, age, spiritual associations, and tribal affiliation." Names reflected religious associations as "Religion was essential to the formation of gender identities and the experience of childhood." In this regard of religion, "Wampanoag children for example, were regaled with numerous stories of the supernatural giants Maushop and Squant." It was believed that Nantucket was created out of the "snuff out of Maushop's pipe." He makes the point that "Christian Indian families spent tremendous energy religiously instructing their children". Winslow had pointed out that beliefs about Keihtan "wholigke the Narragansett Cautantowwit was responsible for creation and was especially important to traditional religious life." Vigorous Wampanoag boys as they grew up, were "singled out for rituals that tested their potential to become *pnieses*, a special group of fearsome warriors and advisors to Indian leaders that embodied masculine ideals and mustered tremendous spiritual power." I thought that the reader might enjoy a bit about the native folks that our "family" members encountered on those long-ago shores of Massachusetts.

Agape, "Dr. Don" Nichols - AG

## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony



Our year has been busy with lots of changes.

Our Compact Day was held at the Cincinnati Women's Club on Saturday November 2. It was very well attended, we had many new members this year.

Our speaker, Jan Kleinline was fabulous. Dressed in Pilgrim garb, she spoke about the pilgrims Way of Life using many "hands on" items. The kids who attended were very entertained as well. Educational and entertaining.

Our lunch was outstanding...a traditional turkey Thanksgiving meal, including pumpkin pie. Our social started at 11:45, allowed our members to chat and catchup, meet new members. As of our September meeting, we have added 9 new members! Yea!!

The meeting was called to order by Starleyne Vondrell, Lt. Governor elect. Our former Lt. Governor Doug van Der Zee, performed the Swearing in of New Officers.

#### New Officers

Starleyne Vondrell	Lt. Governor
Vivian Krueger	Deputy Governor
Historian	Sue Bray
Recording Secretary	Wanda Langdon

#### Returning Officers

Treasurer	Clay Crandall
Corresponding Sec	Beth Anderson
BOA	Beth Anderson
Elder	Todd Reel
Junior Member chair	Todd Reel
Merchandising	Vicki Reel



Beth Star Vivian Sue Wanda Clay Todd

\*Beth Anderson gave an update on the 2020 Meeting in Columbus, Cincinnati Colony is charged with Speaker duties and invitations, we had a mailing party to stuff envelopes, should be ready to mail early January.

\*After the presentations, Benjamin Otto 12, and Evelyn Otto 14, Star's grandkids, drew tickets for 6 door prizes- the 1620 Plymouth rock. Beth Anderson distributed to the winners.

\*Tribute and Goodbye to Shaun Smith!

Shaun Smith has served as Lt. Governor since 2017 and Deputy Governor prior. He established a blog and has been our webmaster. Shaun was a phenomenal leader, he contributed so much to the colony with his skills and energy. Our colony has grown tremendously under his leadership. We were so fortunate to have Shaun as our Lt. Governor. The Smith family, Shaun, his beautiful wife Christine and his most generous and loving daughter, Macy have moved from to New York. New job for Shaun. He will be missed! We wish him the very best in his new adventures. The colony sent Shaun a wooden Plymouth Heart enclosed in a glass display frame.

Our schedule for next year:

March 28, 2020	Colony meeting		
May 1 & 2	Ohio Mayflower Society State meeting in Columbus		
June 27	Colony meeting	June	Preble County Genealogy Fair
September 19	Colony Meeting	November 7	Compact Day (location TBD)

The Cincinnati Colony wishes you all a Wonderful and Blessed Year in 2020! We are looking forward to seeing you all in Columbus at the 2020 meeting.

*Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

### News from the Cleveland Colony

**2019 Great Book Signing:** The Western Reserve Colony invited Cleveland Colony to participate in the “Great Book Signing” November 15, 2019 held at the Western Reserve Historical Society in the secured Rare Book Room with Ann Sindelar as the tour guide. Governor General Dr. George Garmany attended and signed the William Brewster historical bible representing GSMD. As you can imagine, many pictures were taken. The box lunches were served from a local catering company which was coordinated by our colony and enjoyed by all.

**2019 Compact Day:** The annual November 16, 2019 Compact Day buffet luncheon was held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. We shared our keynote speaker Governor General Dr. George Garmany with the Western Reserve Colony due to the Western Reserve History Center “Great Book Signing” was held the previous day Friday November 15. His program was “Captivities – Terrorism at the turn of the 18th Century that discusses Colonial New England events of the French and Indian Wars that affected Mayflower Descendants in the late 1600’s and early 1700’s”. He also touched on the upcoming GSMD 2020 400-year anniversary and the Mayflower float for the 2020 Rose Bowl parade. Our colony was honored to welcome



Governor General Dr. Garmany to Cleveland and our Compact Day dinner. In addition, we had invited the Cocchiola family to lead us in the four verses of the “Star Spangled Banner”. Also, the sisters sang in acapella “Lift Thine Eyes” in beautiful harmony that only siblings can do. We stood for the traditional passenger roll call and recognized the veterans. We thanked them for their service and let them know we will never forget.

Donarita Vocca shared her Pilgrim Doll collection dating from the 1950s to date and the display was admired by many guests. As in the past, we opened the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests.

**2020 Spring Business Meeting:** The annual Spring business meeting is targeted for Saturday March 21, 2020 and will be held at Western Reserve Historical Society located in Cleveland, Ohio in the library meeting room with lite refreshments. Ann Sindelar from the history center will give a program about the history of “The Society of the Mayflower Descendants Cleveland Colony” established November 1930 organized by Mrs. Walter Meals. Additionally, Ann will conduct a guided tour into the secured Rare Book Room.

The colony will be voting for a bylaw change and the nominated slate of officers for the next term. After the ballots are counted by the appointed teller, the officers will be installed for 2020-2023 term. More details to come.

*Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

### News from the Columbus Colony

On November 9, 2019, The Columbus Colony Compact Day luncheon opened with a greeting from Lieutenant Governor, Sharon Hendershot. Elder Cheryl Bash read the blessing, and we enjoyed a Thanksgiving-themed lunch including coffee, iced tea, turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pumpkin pie.

Sharon Hendershot introduced today's presenter, Susan Reid, a retired teacher from Newark. She told us about Johnny Clem, a nine-year-old boy from Newark who ran away to join the Union Army in the spring of 1861. He served first as a drummer at Shiloh and in the Battle of Nashville as a sergeant when he was 13. He retired as a Major General after a long military career.



Sharon Bardus, Junior Membership Chair, with the help of her grandchildren, Daria and Jadon, led junior members Elijah, Mary, Hayden, and Audrey in a craft project for Thanksgiving. Hayden and Audrey are pictured here wearing the hats they made.

Dr. Janice Ebert, Scholarship Chair, awarded Allison Walsh the \$1000 Winifred Schamp Scholarship, and Allison read her winning essay about a fictional young woman sailing on the Mayflower. She told of leaving England, witnessing the birth of Atlantis Hopkins, and first seeing land off Provincetown.

Dr. Ebert led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to Columbus Colony for its 90th year as a chartered member of the State Society of Mayflower Descendants. We were chartered Oct 1, 1929.

The collection jar was passed table to table and money was collected for the restoration of the Mayflower. Moneys collected will be donated through the State Society. Lt Governor visited the Mayflower at the Mystic Seaport Museum last month and reported the exterior is finished and she is now in the water. Interior work will be finished before she sails back to Plymouth.

*Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

## News from the Toledo Colony

The Toledo Colony of the Mayflower Society met November 9, 2019 at Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo. The meeting was called to order by Lt. Governor Susan Fisher after a time of greeting and fellowship. Thirty-four members, speakers and guests were welcomed. Elder, David Martin, gave a prayer for the meeting and the meal. Lt. Governor Fisher acknowledged the features in the Fall newsletter concerning Jan Hutchison and his Branding Day and Jr. Member, Ciara Carr, third place winner of the 2019 General Society of Mayflower Descendants national scholarship and granddaughter of Paula Niederhauser. A warning was given of a scam trying to collect money for gift cards sent to officers. Two centenarians were in attendance: Marilyn Willey, descendant of Stephen Hopkins and William Stoll, father of the colony treasurer.

After a plated meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, cranberries and pumpkin pie, John MacDonald, Compact Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Compact. Lt. Governor Fisher mentioned that no minutes were taken at the June meeting in Tiffin at the Civil War Museum. Treasurer, Jeff Stoll, reported that in two years the Toledo Colony had collected \$249 to support Pennies for Planks to restore the Mayflower II and we initially gave a \$400 donation. The treasurer's report as of Oct. 31, 2019 showed \$5,668 in our general fund and \$3,468 in the scholarship fund and CD.

Lt. Governor Jill Parker from the Western Reserve Colony was introduced. She is the candidate for Ohio Governor in 2020. She brought greetings and news from her colony. The Mayflower Maize trivia game is nearly sold out. The Mayflower Guard has been established and a donation of \$25 will help offset the cost of travel for people in the Guard. Members donating will receive a magnetic vest pin. The individualized 2020 Anniversary ancestry boxes are still available at a cost of \$75. Jill also reminded members of the 400 points challenge by Western Reserve to become involved in the Mayflower Society mentioned in the Fall Buckeye Mayflower.

Beth Anderson from the Cincinnati Colony and co-chair of the 2020 committee brought greetings from her colony. She encouraged all members to attend the events in Columbus in May celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing. She advised members to make reservations early. Information is in the Fall Buckeye Mayflower and forms will be sent in January. Toledo Colony is responsible for the photographer. Don Calvin, Kristy Brewster and Mike Brewster are on the 2020 committee from the Toledo Colony.

Judy Rand, Deputy Lt. Governor, passed around the microphone for attendees to introduce themselves and tell what generation they were from their Pilgrim ancestor. She then presented pins



Steve Bennett, Debbie Joslin, Katherine Lonsbrough, Linda Larkin

and an information packet to new members attending. Steve Bennett transferred into the Toledo Colony from Georgia after moving back to the Toledo area and is a descendant from Edward Doty. Debbie Walter Joslin and her daughter, Katherine Joslin Lonsbrough, are descendants of Richard Warren and live in Perrysburg. Linda Larkin, descendant of Richard Warren, lives in Perrysburg also.

Lt. Governor Fisher introduced the speaker, Jan Kleinline, from the Columbus Colony. She graduated from Bluffton College and holds a Masters Degree from OSU in clothing and textiles. Jan taught 31 years in the Columbus area and continues to go into schools during October and November as part of an

outreach program about Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. Jan has researched the Wampanoag culture and met with Wampanoag descendants. She gave a true representation 'show and tell', as she calls it, presentation. Jan showed dolls dressed in native clothes of deerskin explaining the different pieces. Native Americans killed only to eat, respecting animals and living off the land, but taking care of the land. The Wampanoag did not use the word 'No' when teaching and disciplining their children. They explained what would happen if they did a dangerous activity and let the child decide what to do. Jan explained how their homes were made, individual houses in the summer and longhouses in the winter for several families. Jan showed arrows and tools made by the Native Americans as well as different animal skins. Pictures were used as she explained the customs and daily lives of the Wampanoag. Members were encouraged to talk with Jan after the meeting and look at her display.



Steve Bennett answered the question Lt. Governor Susan Fisher had prepared to win a book entitled Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick. 'Who was the first governor of the Plymouth Colony?' was the question. The answer was John Carver. Steve declined the book as he already had a copy and accepted a \$5 bill.

The meeting attendees were given a few minutes to share one new thing they had learned from Jan Kleinline's presentation at their tables. Susan reminded us of the next meeting on March 28, 2020 at Swan Lake. Lea Filson, the past Governor General of GSMD, will be the speaker. Elder David Martin gave the benediction.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

**News from the Western Reserve Colony**

About seventy members and guests enjoyed a wonderful Compact Day on Sunday, November 17 at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge in Canton. The fireplace was lit and the floor to ceiling glass wall provided us a spectacular sunny view. The staff outdid themselves this year serving us with bountiful portions of traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. And I heard from one attendee that the veggie dish was the best she has ever had at an event like this! It did look delicious. Cousins paying their respects from other colonies were **Cleveland Lt. Gov. Vicky Heineck** and **2020 Committee Member Hilda Pappas from Columbus**. WR Friend **Mary Fuller** provided the beautiful table decorations. Cash donations were taken for the **Akron-Canton Foodbank** and the final call was made for **Pennies for Planks** to help with the restoration costs of Mayflower II. Guests were welcomed and Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service. Junior Member **Madison Harig** was welcomed to her first meeting and helped **Sarah Keeler** with the materials for the Juniors. And applicants **Robert Stands, Kay Catlett, Jonathan Kittredge, Sharen Jarzen, Judy Shaw, Bruce Shaw, and Jim Fuller** were recognized. **Lee Martin** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayflower Compact. Officers gave reports and those present talked up a storm. Rollcall determined that **the Warren Cousins** were most represented at this event. Friend **Mary Fuller** provided handout information for those who wanted to know more about the Anderson Tours trip to Plymouth in mid-May next year.



WR Compact Day capped a full weekend with **Governor General George Garmany** in town. Cleveland and Western Reserve Colonies partnered to host **The Great Book Signing** at the Western Reserve Historical Society. **Thanks to SMDOH and Cleveland Treasurer Larry Hoyt** for making sure the GG got to the Historical Signing from his hotel. Great and Fun Collaboration. Saturday was Cleveland's Compact Day and Sunday was Western Reserve's. The GG gave his well-researched presentation on Terrorism in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century/early 18<sup>th</sup> century. He provided a list of books and articles to read for those interested in finding out more about those difficult times in early New England. He also gave us a preview of events planned for 2020. WR Colony presented the GG with a wooden anniversary wood box edition of The Mayflower Maize, an Ohio Society pin and an honorarium which will be given to The Mayflower Society.



Compact Day is our annual Business Meeting and this year it was time for Elections again. Nominations Chair **Paul Morehouse** presented the slate of candidates to the members present and the following people were elected/appointed by acclamation (to serve from Compact Day 2019 – Compact Day 2022). Congratulations and Thank You to all: Elected Positions - Lt. Governor **Christina Wagner Schepis**, Deputy Lt. Governor **Sarah Keeler**, Treasurer **Ann Gulbransen**, Historian **Terri Brown**, Elder **Pat Van Hoose**, BOA Representative **Jill Parker**; **GG George Garmany led the installation of the elected Board**. Appointed positions - Program Coordinator – **Paul Morehouse**, Friends of Western Reserve Liaison – **Mary Fuller**. If you know you can help the Colony in some way (a new role, a backup, an apprentice, etc), please contact one of the Board members...they would be happy to bring you on Board.

The Junior Table was hosted by **Sarah Keeler** and son **Ryan Keeler** and she was buy helping some folks pickup gifts for grandkids! The merchandise / sales table, hosted by member **Christina Wagner Schepis** and husband **Nick Schepis**, was busy, with special interest in the coasters!! A newer popular item. **Ann Gulbransen** took many pictures.



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

Jill Pat Sarah Christina GG Ann Terri

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 1, 2020:** Tournament of Roses parade with Mayflower float

**January 2020:** Requests to be a delegate at the Triennial Congress due to Governor Sandra St. Martin due this month.

**March 21, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony spring meeting, Skyland Pines

**March 21, 2020** Cleveland Colony Spring meeting, Western Reserve Historical Society

**March 28, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting

**March 28, 2020** Toledo Colony Meeting, Swan Lake

**April 11, 2020:** Columbus Colony meeting and election of officers

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

**June 20, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony Picnic, Greentown Community Park

**June 27, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting

**September 2020:** Triennial Congress, Plymouth, MA - see schedule at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org) in the members only section

**September 19, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting

**November 7, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

**November 15, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Skyland Pines

**We hope to see you at the next meeting of your Colony and you are welcome to attend any Colony meeting. Contact the Lt. Governor (see p 2) for more information.**

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!

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sawhorses and some planks were made to hold more of the family “junk.” There were a few books, but mostly letters and school papers filled the table. I looked at the school papers and found several works of art made out of construction paper. One of these works of art was a rendition of the pilgrims walking through wintery New England on their way to church. My 95 year old mother-in-law made it when she was in elementary school. Her name was on the back. What a prize! It is now framed and in a spot that I walk by every day. It is precious to me and I think of my mother-in-law when I see it.

So, what happened to “As Time Goes By?” My father-in-law really wanted that DVD set. One of the six children must have taken it from the house. I had an inkling that I knew who had it. You’ve probably guessed. I found it in our family room! Steve brought it home the previous June. His father thought we’d enjoy watching the series. Without delay, we shipped it back to Minnesota.

Experiences and memories make up life. I wish you all joyful experiences and memories this Holiday Season.

*Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Governor, SMCDF*

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## The Great Book Signing



On Friday Nov 15, nearly 20 members from the Western Reserve and Cleveland Colonies hosted GSMD Governor General **George Garmany** at the Western Reserve Historical Society for “The Great Book” Signing. He is the 17<sup>th</sup> Governor General to sign The Great Book. A boxed luncheon followed the event. Cleveland Lt. Governor **Vicky Heineck** made the arrangements and **Janice O’Neil** provided the table decorations. Western Reserve Colony gave those souvenir “Great Book Signing” coasters to those present. Good conversations abounded among “the cousins”.

The book is actually entitled – *A Confutation of the Rhemists Translation Glosses and Annotations on the New Testament, so Farre as they Containe Manifest Impieties, Heresies, Idolatries, Superstitions, Prophanesse, Treasons, Slanders, Absurdities, Falsehoods, and other evils*. It is a translation of the New Testament by a group of English Catholic clergy, seminarians and exiles in 1582.

“The Great Book,” published in 1618, was one of two dozen books **printed by William Brewster** at his Choir Alley Printing Shop in Leyden, Holland. As time has passed, books printed by Brewster have become collector’s items. This copy of “The Great Book” had belonged to Christ’s College in Cambridge, England and bears its bookplate. It was subsequently purchased by John Pearson, a well known book collector from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sometime in the early 1940’s, Mr. Pearson took the book to the General Congress of the GSMD to have the new governor general, and all previous governor’s general, sign the book. He then donated the book to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio, with the stipulation that all future governors general could sign it. The most recent prior signing was in 2017 when Lea Sinclair Filson was GG.

