



## Governor General Lea Filson will visit the Michigan Mayflower Society at our Compact Day Luncheon

We have tried to make it a tradition to invite the Governor General to Michigan for the election of our new officers. Lea Filson has a very busy November but managed to fit Michigan in, for the induction of our new officers. She has to be in New York City the Friday evening before our Saturday meeting, so we are lucky that she agreed to scramble through the airports to attend our Compact Day meeting.

One will never find another Mayflower member who is more enthusiastic than Lea. She managed the Mayflower insignia for several years and when one visited the insignia table, her excitement regarding being a Mayflower descendant and member was very evident. Her excitement was contagious and uplifting. We are looking forward to hearing her report on the welfare of the General Society and all the new and innovative plans she has for our Society. We are so happy to welcome her to Michigan and hope that her visit to Frankenmuth is very rewarding.

The Compact Day Luncheon will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan again, this November. The hotel is just across the covered bridge in the middle of town (on the east side of the street). We will be meeting on the second floor in the banquet room. The hotel has waterslides, several great swimming pools, a charming restaurant with servers in period dress (they have a great breakfast), and a gift shop. There is free parking at this venue and you may leave your car there while visiting all the other shops in the village. So plan to spend additional time there.

This has been one of the most popular locations we have ever visited and the location will probably always be among the most well attended. Not only do we share and celebrate our history, ancestry, and all our cousins, we have a great start to our Christmas shopping with the many wonderful shops and hotels in the world famous Christmas village. If you have never visited Frankenmuth, you are in for a very pleasant experience. We hope to see you all there for a great welcome for our "national" General Society Governor.

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\*Mary Ellen Byrne, Past Governor, \*Cory Randall, Past Governor

\*Leonard Decker, Past Deputy Governor

**DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL (DGG):** June Gorman, Governor

**ASSISTANT GENERAL (AG):** Grace Smith, Deputy Governor

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** (in charge of the Life-funds):

Terry McKane, Chairman, Past Governor (above);

Thora Goodnight, Treasurer (above); Mary Sue Markey, Assistant Treasurer (above);

June Gorman, Governor (above); Grace Smith, Deputy Governor (above);

Mary Ellen Byrne, Past Governor (above); Diane Sonneck, Historian (above).

**MICHIGAN'S WEB-SITE:** [www.michmayflower.org](http://www.michmayflower.org)

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**VOLUNTEER NEEDED****FLAG CAPTAIN:** Janet Ernst: Phone: 989-362-9686**WEBMASTER:** Grace Smith, See Page 2**VOLUNTEER NEEDED****SALES TABLE COMMITTEE:**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES:** June Gorman, See Page 2**VOLUNTEER NEEDED****FRIENDS CHAIRPERSON:**

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**FRIENDS OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY**

We wish to inform all members, that we want to continue to have a relationship with the spouses of our members, after any death. Please encourage them to stay in touch with our Society by checking our Web-site and reading the newsletter on the site. We want them to use the luncheon invitations, so they will continue to attend our luncheons. Often it is the spouse who is the genealogist and makes the actual membership possible. We have tried to compile a list of interested persons, but an actual mailing seems not to be possible, so their interaction with our Web-site seems to be the best solution. We are grateful for their continuing participation.

**ELECTION NOTICE REQUIRED BY OUR BY-LAWS**

At the Compact Day Meeting, in November 2016, we will hold our officer's election, for a 3 year term. Note: The seating Governor may only hold two consecutive three year terms.

The following Nominating Committee consisting of : Elizabeth Williams, Bonnie Vokits, Clara Vickers has reached the following slate:

Governor: Grace Smith  
Deputy Governor: June Gorman  
Elder: Heather Rose  
Treasurer: Thora Goodnight  
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Williams  
Historian: Diane Sonneck  
Historian for Juniors: Cindy Schmitt  
Assistant: Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Morley  
Assistant: Membership Secretary, Craig Rich  
Assistant: Public Relations Secretary, Janet Ernst  
Assistant: Newsletter Editor, Grace Smith

Other nominations maybe taken from the floor.

The positions below will be nominated, November 2016 for the Board of Assistant's vote at the next Board of Assistant's Meeting in September 2017, to take office at that date.

Deputy Governor General (DGG): Grace Smith

Assistant General (AG): June Gorman

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 November 2016, **Compact Day Luncheon**, Michigan's election of new officers.  
Speaker: Governor General Lea Filson to install Michigan's officers,  
and to discuss the business of the General Society.  
Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center, Frankenmuth, Michigan.  
Social Hour 11 am, Lunch noon, Phone: 855-652-7200.
- 1 May 2017, **Scholarship entries** are due. (They must in a form for each board member).
- 20 May 2017, **Spring Board Meeting**, State Room Restaurant, (Olympus Room).  
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus.  
Breakfast off the menu for a no room charge.
- 20 May 2017, **Spring Luncheon**, Program to be announced.  
Big Ten Ballroom, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus,  
219 Harrison Road, East Lansing.  
Social Hour 11:30 am, Lunch noon.
- August 2017, **Summer Board Meeting**, State Room Restaurant (Olympus Room),  
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus, 10 am.  
Lunch off the menu for a no room charge.
- September 2017, **General Congress**, Plymouth, Massachusetts,  
Details to be announced, Michigan Delegates welcome.
- October 2017, **Board Meeting**. State Room Restaurant (Olympus Room),  
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus, 10 am.  
Lunch off the menu for a no room charge.
- 4 November 2017, **Compact Day Luncheon**,  
Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center, Frankenmuth, Michigan,  
Program Plymouth Colonial Militia, by Ken Hoover.
- 2018**
- May 2018, **Spring Luncheon**, details to be announced.
- August 2018, **Summer Board Meeting**, details to be announced.
- 6-9 September 2018, **General Society's Board of Assistants**, Chicago, Illinois.  
Details to be announced.
- 3 November 2018, **Compact Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m.  
Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center, (see above),  
Speaker, Pilgrim John Billington, by Richard Pickering.
- 2019**
- May 2019, **Spring Luncheon**, details to be announced.
- August 2019, **Summer Board Meeting**, details to be announced.
- September 2019, **Board of Assistants Meeting**, Denver, Colorado.
- November 2019, **Compact Day Luncheon**, details to be announced.

**2020 Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Historian for Juniors, Patricia Brown reported that the company who produced our Mayflower pins, has featured them on their web-site. Our design has impressed them.

Patricia has suggested that we request a Michigan license plate for Mayflower Descendants. If you think this is good idea please write a note to your Michigan State Representative or Senator.

### **Maximum Age for New Juniors Clarification**

At our August 20, 2016, Board of Assistants meeting, it was brought to my attention that I have not been following our Bylaws when it comes to the age at which I have been accepting new Junior Members. This goes back to incidents that occurred at the beginning of my term as Historian for Juniors. However, it has begun to cause difficulties for our Historian and some of our new Members.

Therefore, the decision was made that, effective immediately, we will once again be following the Bylaws which state that "Any Regular Member in good standing may make application to the Historian for Junior Membership on behalf of any person **under the age of eighteen (18) years** who has a proven lineage."

This decision also puts us back in line with the General Society Bylaws, which also state the maximum age of under 18 years of age for new Junior Members.

I apologize for any distress my actions have caused to any of our Members, and hope you will understand if an future application is returned that is for a Junior who is 18 years of age or older.

Patricia Brown  
Historian for Juniors

It should be noted that even though Patricia feels her actions may have caused some inconvenience to members and/or officers, we disagree. Her participation as Historian for Juniors has been a great help to the Society and we are very grateful for her continuous dedication. Her concern for our Juniors has added new and exciting elements for their participation as Mayflower descendants and Society Members. We wish to thank her for her many years as Historian for Juniors. June Gorman, Michigan Society Governor

### **NOTICE TO ALL FORMER MICHIGAN MAYFLOWER SECRETARYS**

The Society is looking to the State of Michigan Library, as a possible resource to house our Society archives. We are missing some minutes of previous General Meetings and Board Meetings. If you have any copies of previous minutes, please make them available to the Society.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Verlo Annelle Carter Williams, *Ancestor: Isaac Allerton*  
Steven Allen Williams, *Ancestor: Isaac Allerton*  
Susan Helen Butts Kayl, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
Sharon Kay Rowley Caballero, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
Marlene Elaine Foster Laing, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
Diane Lynn Hidenfelter Marlatt, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
Imogene Tenniswood Cork, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
Katherine Carole Plummer, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
Karen Allyne Denham Balog, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
Michael Joseph Haddad, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
Sandra Kay King, *Ancestor: Isaac Allerton*  
Victoria Lynn Liberty Murdock, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
Cheryl Ann Stanfield, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
Kimberly Sue King Kingshott, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
Allison Lee Corner Ring, *Ancestor: John Howland*

### **SUPPLEMENTAL:**

Julie Marie Wheaton Meyers, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*

The Historian, Diane Sonnecken reports that there are five new applications pending in Plymouth, there were 104 website inquiries regarding membership, 43 inquiries from Plymouth regarding membership in Michigan, 19 other referrals, and 9 supplemental requests.

The Michigan Mayflower website is a very popular site for members and new visitors. The Web-Master, Grave Smith reports that since the website was first launched in 2006, the site has had 32,705 visitors.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Grace has been nominated to be the next Michigan Society Governor and she is also planning on taking on the Newsletter Editor job as well, so she would like to find a new Web-Master. If you have the skills that this job requires, we would appreciate hearing you.

The current Newsletter Editor, June Gorman has had the job for 10 years now, the longest serving Newsletter Editor, and it is time for a break.

The Membership Secretary, Craig Rich reported that we currently have 530 Life Members, 325 Regular Members, for a total of 855 Michigan members. We have 1 member transferring in to the state, 1 reinstatement, 2 members resigning, and 4 members reported deceased. The deceased members will be memorialized at the November Compact Day meeting.

## MARY ELLEN BRYNE

Mary Ellen Byrne was presented a General Society Recognition Award at the Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on 10 September 2016. A descendant of Isaac Allerton, Mary Ellen has been a very loyal and extremely dedicated member of the Michigan Society. She has served in many capacities; She has been a member of our Board of Assistants; She has served several terms as Secretary; She has also served the Michigan Society as Elder, Counselor, Deputy Governor, Governor, and has been a hard working committee member on many committees including: Membership, Investments, Membership Directory publication, Education, and our Society 2001 Centennial Celebration. She was instrumental in organizing the Traverse City hosting of the 1997 General Society Board of Assistants meeting. She also served the General Society as AG, DGG, Member -at-Large, and Acting Counselor. Michigan is very proud to have Mary Ellen Bryne a Michigan member.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### We currently have a serious problem.

Several positions are opening up.

This Society is dependant on the dedication of our volunteers.

#### Web-Master:

1. Maintaining our Society Web-site.
2. Making changes as needed.
3. Posting the Society newsletter on the Web-site.
4. Giving a report at the two general meetings on the Web-site.

#### Assistant Treasurer:

1. To assist the Treasurer, when needed.
2. Become familiar with our finance needs.
3. Collect the two luncheon reservations.

#### Investment Committee:

1. This person should have some finance experience.
2. Meet with the finance committee when necessary.

#### Scholarship Chairperson:

1. Collect the scholarship applications before the May Board Meeting.
2. Supply the applications, in an appropriate form to the May Board meeting.
3. Attend the August Board Meeting when the final decision is made.
4. Correspond with the applicants.
5. Collect the college information for the scholarships to be awarded.
5. Award the Award certificate at the November meeting.

#### Sales Table

The sales table needs help to staff the table before and after our two luncheons. If you would like to assist our society please contact the Sales Chairperson, Johanna Balzer, Phone: 517-484-3273

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