



## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2011 COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON

To be held on 12 November 2011

**Dr. James A. McConnell**

will give a presentation on the War of 1812

James graduated from Albion College in 1961, earned his M.A. degree in history in 1967 and his doctorate in 1977, both from Wayne State University. His dissertation topic was the participation of Michigan schools in the 1976 Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence. Now serving as a history education consultant and humanities scholar, James retired in 1999 after many years of service in the Dearborn Public schools. He now serves as a member of the Michigan Historical Commission and, since 2008, a member of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. He is the secretary of the 1812 Commission and also is the facilitator of the Great Lakes War of 1812 Bicentennial Collaborative, a consortium of eight states, the province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. He has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society of Michigan. He has served as an Adjunct Instructor in the School of Education at The University of Michigan-Dearborn and in the History Department of Eastern Michigan University. He has previously taught at Mercy College, Henry Ford Community College and Wayne County Community College. He founded the Michigan Council for History Education in 1993 and served as its Executive Director until 1999. With his wife Annette, he co-edits *Ends & Beginnings*, a quarterly newsletter of the Michigan Council for History Education. He and his wife, Annette, received a 1998 Volunteer Service Award from the Historical Society of Michigan for their efforts in creating *The Days of Detroit 1999* calendar. The calendar was a publication of the Detroit Historical Society. He was on loan to the State of Michigan for five years (1986-1991), where he served as the Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights (1987-1991) (1986-1987) and the Sesquicentennial of Michigan Statehood Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Education. Along with more than 100 presentations on the Constitution, he was the Editor of a K-12 Bill of Rights Teaching Resource Guide distributed to all schools in Michigan. He served as coordinator of Bicentennial Projects. In 1994, he received the "Presidential Award" from the Michigan Council for the Social Studies for "outstanding and enduring contributions to the social studies in Michigan."

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June Gorman, Governor; Sandra Leffler, Past Treasurer; Gregory Todd, Finance.

The Mayflower Archives is being updated. We need old minutes, Treasurer's reports and Officer's reports from any of the meetings, also the Winter 2006-2007 Newsletter. If you have any of these items, bring them to the Compact Day meeting.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Fall Compact Day Luncheon: 12 November 2011, 11:30 a.m.**

**Cascade Manor House**

**1970 Kibby Road, Jackson, Michigan**

**Phone: 517-784-1500 or Cascadesmanor.com**

**Brief Board Meeting after the Luncheon Meeting**

**Spring Board Meeting: 12 May 2012, 9 a.m.**

**State Room Restaurant, Phone: 517-432-5049**

**Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan**

**Please plan to order breakfast (with us)**

**off the menu, for a no room charge.**

**Spring Luncheon: 12 May 2012, 11:30 a.m.**

**Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan**

**Michigan State University Campus**

**South Harrison Road, Phone: 517-432-4000**

**Summer Board Meeting: 3 August 2012, 10 a.m.**

**State Room Restaurant, Phone: 517-432-5049**

**Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan**

**Please plan to order lunch (with us)**

**off the menu, for a no room charge.**

**Traverse City Mayflower Social Luncheon: 4 August 2012,**

**12 noon, Elks Club, Traverse City,**

**End of M-37 and Bay Street, at the shore line,**

**Contact Peggy Christie, Phone 231-633-0984.**

**Fall Compact Day Luncheon: 2 November 2012, 11:30 a.m.**

**Cascade Manor House**

**1970 Kibby Road, Jackson, Michigan**

**Phone: 517-784-1500 or Cascadesmanor.com**

**WARREN AND COOKE DESCENDANTS:** Michigan Governor June Gorman has been selected to research the 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> generations of the Francis Cooke and Richard Warren descendants. If you have any documents on these Mayflower Passengers, for the 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> generations, please send copies to June (see page 2 for details).

## Diane Sonneck, HISTORIAN'S REPORT

7 May to 27 August, 2011

Bonnie Mae Kronenberg Klems, *Ancestor*: William Brewster  
 John Francis Sanborn, *Ancestor*: Francis Cooke  
 Shelly Ann Reinhardt Bailey, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 Lois Caroline Spicer Reinhardt, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 Winona Bradford Davis, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 James Wilbur Humphreys, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 James Wesley Humphreys, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 John Henry Humphreys, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 Mark Wayne Humphreys, *Ancestor*: William Bradford  
 Matthew Paul Burton, *Ancestor*: Francis Eaton  
 Dona Mae Hess Green, *Ancestor*: John Howland  
 Marjorie Eleanor Rigg Neuenfeldt, *Ancestor*: Samuel Fuller  
 William Cobb Schmidt, *Ancestor*: George Soule  
 Robert LeRoy Fowler, Jr., *Ancestor*: Edward Fuller  
 John Jay Johnson, *Ancestor*: Francis Cooke  
 Julianne Marie Vogelsang Koenig, *Ancestor*: Stephen Hopkins  
 Jennifer Lynn Liversedge, *Ancestor*: George Soule  
 Frederick James MacDonald, *Ancestor*: William White  
 Marianne Blanchard, *Ancestor*: Richard Warren  
 Robert William Gaffrey, *Ancestor*: Francis Cooke  
 Marlene Frances Moser Lehman, *Ancestor*: William Brewster  
 Judith Ann Brown Ettinger, *Ancestor*: James Chilton  
 Iris Willey Di Mercurio, *Ancestor*: Richard Warren  
 (transferred from Florida)  
 Kimberly Noble Toothsker Smith, *Ancestor*: William Brewster  
 Christine Mary Rowley, *Ancestor*: Edward Fuller

### SUPPLEMENTAL

Pamela Katherine Harvey Hunerberg, *Ancestor*: John Alden

### ACTIVITY

Michigan Mayflower Society Website Inquiries	98
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## WELCOME NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

**Lucie Marcelaine Buchbinder** - *Stephen Hopkins* - **Sponsor:** Marcelaine Sautter  
**Ella Marie Meyer Klarich** - *Stephen Hopkins* - **Sponsor:** Diane Cook Klarich  
**Matthew James Meyer Klarich** - *Stephen Hopkins* - **Sponsor:** Diane Cook Klarich  
**Meghan Elizabeth Murray** - *Francis Cooke* - **Sponsor:** Margaret Jane Sayed  
**Samuel Robert Murray** - *Francis Cooke* - **Sponsor:** Margaret Jane Saye  
**Maksim Patrick Burton** - *Francis Eaton* - **Sponsor:** Donald C. Burton  
**Owen Gabriel Leo** - *John Alden* - **Sponsor:** Kathleen Ripley Leo  
**Sarah Madison Matthews** - *Edward Fuller* - **Sponsor:** Sarah Petrequin Wisnieski  
**Brandon Benjamin Matthews** - *Edward Fuller* - **Sponsor:** Sarah Petrequin Wisnieski  
**Maxwell Ryan Wisnieski** - *Edward Fuller* - **Sponsor:** Sarah Petrequin Wisnieski  
**Noah Alan Wisnieski** - *Edward Fuller* - **Sponsor:** Sarah Petrequin Wisnieski  
**Veronica Virtue Wisnieski** - *Edward Fuller* - **Sponsor:** Sarah Petrequin Wisnieski  
**Madelyn James Rustowicz** - *Francis Cooke* - **Sponsor:** Sally Rustowicz  
**Brendon Scott Soth** - *Francis Eaton* - **Sponsor:** Donald C. Burton  
**Mattlyn Moon Soth** - *Francis Eaton* - **Sponsor:** Donald C. Burton  
**Alivia Kathleen Crelly** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Claire Eugenia Smith Grant  
**Gavin Grant Crelly** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Claire Eugenia Smith Grant  
**Arabella Michelle Glass** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Michelle S. Glass  
**Zachary David Glass** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Michelle S. Glass  
**Melissa Elise Way** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara E. Vickers  
**Leah Elizabeth Way** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara E. Vickers  
**Casey Lee Johanson** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Connie M. Freeze March  
**Brendon Ivar Johanson** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** Connie M. Freeze March  
**Samuel Russell Center** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara E. Vickers  
**Brody James Ashcroft** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara E. Vickers  
**Houstin Albert Howard** - *George Soule* - **Sponsor:** Eloise McNeilly  
**Conley Rose Howard** - *George Soule* - **Sponsor:** Eloise McNeilly  
**Jayden Kay Gorton** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** William Gorton  
**Scarlette Marie Roberts** - *Richard Warren* - **Sponsor:** William Gorton  
**Hailey Jordan Long** - *Francis Cooke* - **Sponsor:** Lynne Witt  
**Evan Brady Stallings** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Suzanne Laughlin Izzo  
**Caitlyn Brook Medore** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara Ellen Vickers  
**Max William Medore** - *William Bradford* - **Sponsor:** Clara Ellen Vickers  
**Cole Abram Fogel Roether** - *William Brewster* - **Sponsor:** Robert Henry Roether  
**Mila Ellorie Streeter** - *George Soule* - **Sponsor:** Eloise McNeilly  
**Kaitlyn Rose Stanford** - *William Brewster* - **Sponsor:** Marlene D. Krosby Duzenbury  
**Katherine Anne Sivils** - *John Howland* - **Sponsor:** Dona Mae Hess Green  
**Emily Elizabeth Sivils** - *John Howland* - **Sponsor:** Dona Mae Hess Green  
Our Treasurer: Thora Johnson Goodnight has sponsored the following Junior Members:  
**Hannah Patricia Lorraine Summerfield** - *Stephen Hopkins*  
**Gwendolyn Anya Iselle Summerfield** - *Stephen Hopkins*  
**Natalie Eleya Grace Summerfield** - *Stephen Hopkins*  
**Mason Kane Goodnight** - *Stephen Hopkins*

## HISTORIAN FOR JUNIORS, PATRICIA BROWN

Since the Compact Day Meeting on November 13, 2010, we have had a total of 42 new Junior Members sponsored. This brings our Junior Membership, as of September 10, 2011, to 596. Of this number, 37 have been sponsored since the beginning of 2011. Many of our Sponsors are new Mayflower Members, eager to involve the younger members of their family. We welcome them and their families! Here are our Juniors since last Compact Day:

If you know that a Junior, either in your family or that you have sponsored has moved, please call me at 248-398-7547, e-mail me at [patriciabrown@mail.com](mailto:patriciabrown@mail.com) or write to me at Patricia Brown, 3542 Phillips Ave, Berkley, MI, 48072 so I can keep my records up-to-date on our Juniors!

As the 2011 school year is now underway, I would like to remind our Junior Members and any general Members we may have under the age of 25 about our Scholarship program. This \$1000 scholarship was established in 2005 to assist our younger members who are planning to attend an accredited two- or four- year higher education program. It is awarded annually and presented at our General Society Meeting each spring. Information on the requirements, as well as an application form can be obtained from our website [www.michmayflower.org](http://www.michmayflower.org).

One of our Junior members, Jack Firth, has been attending State University of New York [SUNY] at Canton, NY, since he was 14 years old [he is now 16]. He is the grandson of Life Member Sponsor Peggy Christie and the son of Life Member Monika Lovewell. According to an article published in the 2009 SUNY Canton Magazine, Jack excels in math, especially Calculus. The article also states he would like to study computer programming, and design and create video games in the future. He is currently a Junior at SUNY Canton, pursuing a B.S. in Engineering, with a Minor in Math. His younger brother, Benjamin, appears to be following close in Jack's footsteps. He is 12 and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Canton Middle School in New York. He is already taking accelerated classes in Math and Science.

It would be wonderful to write about accomplishments of other Junior Members in the future. Please forward any information you would like shared to me at the contact information listed above. I look forward to sharing it with the rest of our Members!

In May I had asked for some suggestions on activities for our Junior members. So far I have not received any suggestions from anyone --- Juniors, parents, or sponsors. I have done some exploring, via the Internet, on my own and have found some places that I believe could be interesting to visit as a group. I would appreciate some feedback, either from Juniors or their parents, on these ideas. I will list the website addresses here and you can look at the information online. There is just too much information to list it all here. I have tried to look for activities in varied sites around Michigan, to involve as many Juniors as possible. At present I do not have a timetable in mind.

**KALAMAZOO:** Air Zoo of Kalamazoo

"...more than 50 rare and historic aircraft, amusement park-style rides, Full-Motion Flight Simulators, RealD 3D/4D Theater, as well as historical exhibits and

educational activities.” This is indoors and, therefore, not “weather-dependent.”

[www.airzoo.org](http://www.airzoo.org)

**GRAND RAPIDS: Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park**

This has many outdoor gardens, as well as indoor collections of plants such as the Carnivorous Plant House. From March 1 – April 30 they host “...the largest temporary butterfly exhibit in the nation.” They have guided tours for various age groups.

[www.meijergardens.org](http://www.meijergardens.org)

**ALPENA: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center**

This is home to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary whose mission is to protect “the Great Lakes and their rich maritime history through research, education and resource protection. The sanctuary works to ensure that future generations can enjoy these underwater treasures.” The Heritage Center is open all year and does not charge an admission fee. It gives visitors an opportunity to look into the history of our Great Lakes.

[www.thunderbay.noaa.gov](http://www.thunderbay.noaa.gov)

I still remember the thrill of a field trip to a Planetarium when I was growing up. When I did an online search, there were a LOT of planetariums around the state that came up, most of which stated they have programs for children.

I have attempted to look for activities that are family-friendly because I am sure most people will have to travel to attend. If you have any serious interest in any of the activities listed above after looking at their websites, please e-mail me at [patriciabrown@mail.com](mailto:patriciabrown@mail.com) to let me know, so I can work toward planning something for our Juniors.

Since May 2011 the number of Junior Members has risen to 596, an increase of 15.

Visit the Facebook site for Juniors.

Submitted by Patricia Brown, Historian for Juniors

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## **39<sup>th</sup> GENERAL SOCIETY CONGRESS REPORT**

The General Society Congress was called to Order on 12 September 2011. Acting Elder, Michigan’s own Cory Randall gave the Invocation.

The Michigan delegation consisted of Acting DGG Grace Smith; AG June Gorman; Terry McKane, Delegate; Diane Sonneck, Delegate; and Bonnie Vokits, Delegate. Also attending were Acting General Society Elder, Cory Randall, Acting General Society Parliamentarian Mary Ellen Byrne.

Items of interest, reported at the Congress were:

Several changes to the Society’s Constitution were voted on. These will be reported in the Mayflower Quarterly.

Alicia Williams will act as the Five Generation Chairperson. The Five generation Project has been expanded to include the 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> generation. Michigan’s Governor June Gorman will represent Richard Warren and Francis Cooke. The Brewster Books will soon

go to the publisher. Check your Mayflower Quarterly for a current list of published books.

The treasury assets (not including the Mayflower House and its collectables, are 5.3 million dollars.

The Historian reported that over 1000 applications are received per month and the new applicants are low, probably due to the economy. Currently there are 28,842 members.

DNA is currently not accepted as a part of the application process. William White now has a proven DNA lineage. Males can also have a DNA line to a female passenger.

A National Scholarship has been instituted. Check the General Society's web-site for details.

Alice Teal has been with the Mayflower Quarterly for 18 years and reported that the Diamond Jubilee Book is almost finished. The number of pages has been increased.

In the year 2020 the 400 year project will begin. Ideas for events are being explored, such as: anniversary sale items, re-enactments, perhaps sailing Mayflower II, and a thanksgiving parade.

The Flag Captain General provided a manual for each state.

The Mayflower House is getting new rain gutters, new granite steps, among other improvements.

Michigan's Terry McKane, Chairman of the general Society Finance Committee reported that the Society was in good shape and reported a profit. Due to a change in several service categories there a considerable savings to the Society.

A related Pilgrim Trip will be offered every two years. The next trip to England and Holland will be in 2013.

The Insignia Committee reported that there will be a 20% increase due to the increase in gold prices. So if you had planned to purchase any of the Society pins, it would be wise to do so soon.

The States honored with application awards were:

The most percentage in the increase of memberships were Colorado, North Dakota, and Montana.

The most new members were Ohio, South Carolina.

These state names will be engraved on the two silver bowls which are housed at the Pilgrim Museum.

The election of the General Society officers was held at the 39<sup>th</sup> General Congress. The new officers were installed on 13 September 2011. The new Governor General will be Bruce MacGunnigle. He joined the New Jersey Society in 1972. In New Jersey he served as Governor, Deputy Governor, Treasurer, DGG and AG. In 1987 he was elected Captain General by the General Society and then served six years as Member-at-Large. He also served as Assistant Governor General in 1996. He has attended 21 General Congresses and served four times on the Congress Planning Committee. He also served six times on Registration. He was the primary researcher for the Five generation, Volume 4, Edward Fuller and he has written many articles on history and genealogy.

Michigan's new DGG June Gorman and AG Grace Smith were elected by the



General Society. Other General Society officers will be published in the Mayflower Quarterly.

Other events were held:

The dedication of the new brick walkway in the Mayflower House Garden.

The Pilgrim Progress walk and ceremony, with descendants dressed in period dress.

Several family Society Dinners were held throughout the Congress.

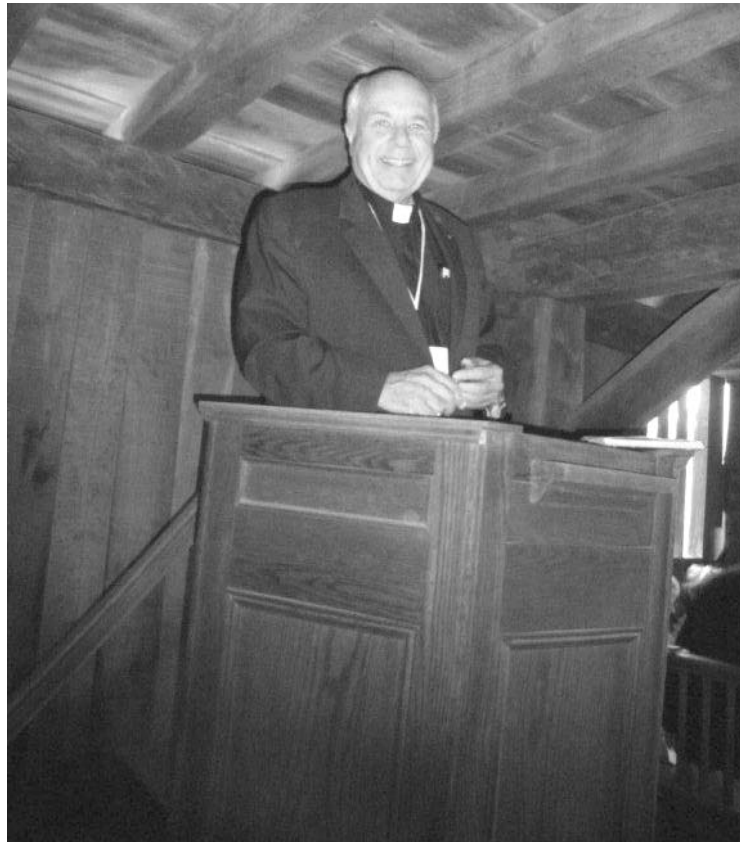
A special lecture was given by author/researcher Caleb Johnson on his work regarding the wives of William Mullins and Stephen Hopkins.

Our Historian Diane Sonneck attended a training meeting for the application process.

The Pilgrim Museum hosted a reception, and there was a special tour and slide lecture on Mayflower II both for delegates.

The Michigan delegates voted to purchase a podium banner, now offered by the general Society at the cost of \$100. This banner will have our state, MICHIGAN, personalized on the banner. This has not been ordered yet, as it also requires board approval. They also voted to purchase a History of the General Society, in a buy-one-get-one free offer. This will also need board approval.

Michigan Governor June Gorman



MICHIGAN'S own CORY RANDALL was elected (unopposed)  
to the office of ELDER GENERAL

**Michigan State Report at the 39<sup>th</sup> General Congress**  
**Plymouth, Massachusetts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, September 2011**

**“GREETINGS FROM THE GREAT STATE OF MICHIGAN  
LAND OF BEAUTIFUL LAKES, FORESTS, AND PEOPLE**

The Michigan Society had a productive three years.

Our Michigan delegation has always been well represented.

We have an adult membership of 839 with 407 Life Members.

Several of our Michigan members have celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Michigan was very excited and happy to welcome guests:

Governor General Judith Swan, Quarterly Editor Alice Teal, and Assistant Governor General Harry Folger.

We observe our Pilgrim ancestry with semi-annual meetings; a Spring Luncheon and a Fall Luncheon to honor our ancestral Compact Signers.

We have a very active and dedicated Board of Assistants.

We serve our membership with quarterly newsletters, a beautiful web-site, and we are constantly adding new experiences to link our members with America's Hometown, Plymouth.

We offer an annual educational scholarship, in the amount of \$1000 and frequently we have given multiple scholarships in the entire amount.

Our Historians have continued to assist and bring in new members, at a very honorable rate, adding to a very healthy growth of the Michigan Society.

We have a Junior membership of 596, with the youngest joining at the age of 9 hours old. We recently instituted a program to celebrate our Junior's birthdays.

We have purchased a Garden Brick, announcing our 1901 birth date.

On the downside, WE, the Michigan descendants of the original pilgrims, were rejected without cause, from participation in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, Michigan, thanks to a historically bankrupt parade committee. We did, however, receive front page press coverage which resulted in other invitations from more sensitive organizations.

Respectfully submitted, June Gorman, Michigan Governor”

## **RUTH INGALLS PLEW**

**Is CELEBRATING HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER**

If maintaining a busy and productive life leads to happiness in the ninth decade of life, Michigan Mayflower Society member Ruth Ingalls Plew should be a very happy woman indeed. On October 26, 2011, she will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, a good time to reflect on her many sources of pride throughout the years.

One of these sources is Mrs. Plew's Mayflower heritage. She is a descendant of George Soule, joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in 2004, and is a Life member. Her sister, Janet Ingalls Bell, is also a member of the Mayflower Society.

Born in Lexington, Massachusetts to Roger & Eleanor Ingalls, Ruth went on to graduate from Tufts University in 1933 with a BA in English and began her professional career as a copywriter for the Hanson Advertising Agency. As the years went by, Ruth also was employed with the Friend of the Court and later taught calligraphy. She also has been employed by the Daniel Stark Polling Co.

Ruth married Robert Plew in 1939. They had two children, Karen and Jon.

Knitting, reading, painting, and ceramics (for which she has won awards for her creations) have provided infinite hours of pleasure throughout the years. One of Ruth's creations in ceramics was a map which indicated where in the world her forebears came from, so her enthusiasm for genealogy was spread throughout the family.

Today, Ruth lives in Birmingham, Michigan, in the same house she and Robert moved into in 1942 and where they raised their family. Just think of all the happy memories there!

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## **LEAH K. WISCHMEYER**

Leah K. Wischmeyer, Junior Member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, was awarded an Outstanding Mathematics Award as a senior at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, on April 22, 2011. She was also the Sophomore Outstanding Mathematics student in 2009. She plans to pursue a career in elementary teaching.

Congratulations Leah!

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### **THE TRAVERSE CITY SOCIAL LUNCHEON HAD A VERY GOOD TURN OUT**

It was a beautiful day in Traverse City. Twenty-one members and guests came out for a wonderful lunch and social gathering. Some were snow-birds who miss our regular meetings, because they go south for the winter, but there were also several members who do not get to the meetings that are held further south in the state. The meeting was organized by Peggy Christy, who plans to make the event an annual affair.

Details for the 2012 meeting are on page 3.

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