

# MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER



Summer 2014

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S 2014 VISIT

Bruce MacGunnigle, Governor General and his wife's visit was a highlight of our Mayflower Luncheon. He discussed the progress of the General Society, improvements, operations, and functions. He mentioned that the beautiful, historic Mayflower House was saved from the wrecking ball, by the Society, who originally purchased the house for only \$20,000, with donations from 6,000 members. The Society then paid off the mortgage in only 3 years.

We are nearing the end of his term as Governor General and therefore, we were very lucky for him to include Michigan in his visits to the state societies.

Counselor, Mary Ellen Byrne entertained, our guests, on Friday evening with dinner at Lansing's unusual Clara's "train station" Restaurant.

Our Treasurer, Thora Goodnight continued their entertainment, on Sunday, with a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. They remarked that they had a wonderful experience visiting Michigan and will forever remember the Michigan Society, as a part of their Mayflower Society experience.



**Anne Burtt**, helping the Society with our annual Memorial Service

## NEW MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ARE OUT

Thanks to the dedicated work of our Membership Secretary, Anne Burtt, we have a new membership directory; the first since 2007. The directories were available at the Spring Luncheon and will be available at future luncheons, until the supply is exhausted. Members may also receive a free directory, by mailing \$3 for postage and handling, to our Membership Secretary.

The new directory includes: the Michigan Members listed alphabetically, including those from foreign countries; Michigan Members listed by zip-code; Junior Members listed alphabetically; General Society Board of Assistant's Officers; Michigan Society's Officers and Chairpersons, 2013-2016; Michigan's Officers since its organization; and updated By-Laws.

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Terry McKane, Past Governor

Mary Ellen Byrne, Past Governor

Cory Randall, Past Governor

Leonard Decker, Past Deputy Governor

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

**ASSISTANT GENERAL (AG):** Grace Smith

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

Terry McKane, Chairman, Past Governor (above);

Thora Goodnight, Treasurer (above); Linda Fisher, Assistant Treasurer (above);

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

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

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

Junior Members are eligible to become LIFE MEMBERS, at any time. When they reach the required adult membership age, they must submit the appropriate papers for their full adult membership, but if they have paid LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES, they are exempt from any other dues, forever. Normally Junior members only have to prove relationship to a current member who is a close blood relative, and do not have to prove to the Mayflower passenger. That member would, most likely, be their Junior Membership sponsor.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Membership Secretary: Keeping the database updated regarding the current membership, requires some computer skills.**

**Public Relations Secretary: Contacting media and collecting the media coverage.**

Bonnie Vokits has been our Public Relations Secretary for several years and has done an excellent job. She reported 36 new members since the 2013 Fall Compact Day Luncheon, She contacted 12 newspapers, from the new member requests, she received. When articles appear in Michigan newspapers, she collects them and adds them to an on-going collection. The Public Relations Secretary is also interested in media coverage during the Thanksgiving Holiday time. Also in our collection are deceased member's obituaries.

### **ACTIVITY SINCE NOVEMBER 2014**

REPORTED BY Diane Sonneck, Historian and Grace Smith, Web Master

16 Supplementals are pending in Plymouth

18 Original Membership Applications are pending in Plymouth

54 Michigan Website inquiries were made since November 2013

Plymouth forwarded 32 inquires regarding Michigan membership

19 members requested supplemental applications

Terry McKane, Investment Committee Chairperson and Thora Goodnight, Treasurer reported that our Michigan Society is in very good financial condition.

Annie Lightfoot reported 841 Michigan adult members, of that number 447 are Life Members and 360 are regular members.

Patricia Brown reported 16 new Junior Members by November 2013 and 7 new members in 2014. (Names not available). Our current Junior membership is at 614. Their names were included in the new membership directory.

**MEMBER RONALD BRISTOL**, has donated 4 Mayflower Society medal/medallions to the Michigan Society. I called Plymouth to determine if the Mayflower House Museum has these medals in their collection, but it has not yet been determined. I plan to survey the their collection, in person, in September regarding these medals. If they do not have the medals, in the collection, we will donate them to the museum in Ronald's name. Another option is the Pilgrim Museum, in Plymouth. We will provide a photo of Ronald at that time. The Michigan Society wants to thank Ronald for his generosity and assure him that the medals will become a permanent part of the Mayflower Society, so that many persons will have the opportunity to view his generous gift.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS TODAY**

The 8 November 2014, Compact Day Luncheon will be buffet style and there will be free parking. The Bavarian Inn will also provide rooms at a discounted rate for the Mayflower Society. The rooms allow up to four persons per room (more for an additional fee and portable beds are available). These four persons have access to the in-door water park included with the room rate. This is a great opportunity to start your 2014 Christmas shopping in the world-famous Frankenmuth Christmas environment or the nearby Birch-Run Outlet Mall. It is also a great way to involve your Junior Members, with a fun weekend at the water park. It is wise to book a room ahead and do not forget to mention the Mayflower's special rate. Bavarian Inn Lodge, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734. (downtown across from the wooden covered bridge)

Phone: 989-652-7200

**WHO TO CONTACT:**

If there is a death of a member, the **Elder** should be notified.

If there is media coverage (newspaper, etc.)

the **Publicity Secretary** should be notified

If there is a person desiring membership to the Michigan Society,

the **Historian** should be notified.

If there is change of address, the **Membership Secretary** should be notified.

If a member would like to change their membership to "Life",

the **Treasurer** should be notified

**WELCOME ABOARD to our new HISTORIAN'S AID,**

**JANETTE KEATTS**

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The Pilgrim Fathers United Kingdom Association is currently working on developing a museum in a building adjacent to the "Pilgrim Fathers Pub", in Scrooby. If you would like more information or would be willing to assist in this development, please contact the Chairman at: [AnthonyDarbyshire@pilgrimfathersorigins.org](mailto:AnthonyDarbyshire@pilgrimfathersorigins.org)

Web site: [www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org](http://www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org)

The Boston University Metropolitan College is offering an on-line course for Genealogical Research Certification.

Learn more at [www.genealogyonline.bu.edu](http://www.genealogyonline.bu.edu)

or call 877-290-9005.

We are all travellers  
in the wilderness of  
this world, and the best  
that we find in our travels  
is an honest friend.

Robert Louis Stevenson

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9 August 2014, Saturday, Summer Board Meeting, 10 a.m.**  
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,  
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,  
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- 5-10 September 2014, Triennial, Plymouth, Massachusetts,**  
If you would like to attend as a delegate, please inform our officers.
- 8 November 2014, Compact Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**  
Linda Hill, Former Governor of Texas Mayflower Society,  
"Little House in Leiden", a description of the life in Leiden.  
Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center,  
One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734,  
(downtown across from the wooden covered bridge)  
Phone: 989-652-7200  
Rooms include the Water Park and are discounted for the Society,  
(you must mention our Society when making reservations).
- 30 May 2015, Spring Board Meeting, 9 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m.**  
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,  
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,  
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- 30 May 2015, Saturday, Spring Luncheon, Spring Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**  
Guest Speaker: To be announced  
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University Campus,  
219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.  
Hotel rooms have been blocked for members. Mention SMD of Mich.
- 15 August 2015, Saturday, Summer Board Meeting, 10 a.m.**  
State Room Restaurant, Kellogg Center,  
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,  
Plan to order breakfast and/or lunch for a no room charge.
- September 2015, Board of Assistant's Meeting, Mystic, Connecticut**
- 7 November 2015, Compact Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**  
Speaker to be announced.  
Bavarian Inn and Conference Center, (see above)  
Downtown, Frankenmuth, Michigan  
Rooms include the Water Park and are discounted for the Society,  
(you must mention our Society when making reservations).
- 8-11 September 2016, Board of Assistant's Meeting,**  
Columbia Club, Indianapolis Indiana

Several other locations were checked, for future meetings. It was learned that every venue checked would impose a room charge, from \$125 to \$350 per event. The Kellogg Center has waived our room fee for several years, since we have been a consistent and dependable client. The Kellogg Center is not only a desirable venue, but it is in a central location for the entire state, thus making the travel distance fair and equal for our members, especially since the gas prices have steadily increased.

The costs of the luncheons were also checked and found to be much more than the Kellogg Center is currently charging us. Several venues have prices that would push our luncheon fee well above \$30 per meal. Another factor is that, we have to make our reservations nearly 2 years in advance, to guarantee a time and place. Desirable venues fill up their calendars quickly and signed contracts are required.

The Kellogg Center also agreed to continue our parking fee at \$1 per car, which our Society has always paid, as a courtesy for our members and guests.

Because the exploration of different venues has not been productive, and the Kellogg Center welcomed us back, we booked our 2015 Spring Luncheon with them again, as reservation time was running out.

It should be noted that sporting game schedules do not come out before it is necessary for us to reserve our luncheon dates, so sometimes we are in conflict, therefore it is prudent for members and guests to arrive early (and allow more time to socialize with our Mayflower cousins).

Our 2015 Spring luncheon was scheduled on May 30<sup>th</sup>, because the Memorial Day weekend will be the weekend before (25<sup>th</sup>) and we are avoiding the graduations.

I requested feedback regarding the Fall location of Frankenmuth and had several members approach me at the Spring Luncheon stating they are very happy with the choice. My communication with the banquet manager there, resulted with the Bavarian Inn also waiving the room fee. The manager was hoping that we would bring future reservations.

The Frankenmuth location will also allow for early Christmas shopping, and provide an activity for our Junior Members (indoor water park). We are also accommodating the deer hunter members, by scheduling the luncheon the first weekend of the month. In the past years, their "second weekend" absence has affected our luncheon attendance. By utilizing the first weekend of November, we also hopefully avoid bad driving weather that November sometimes forces on us Michigan residents.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP RATES

Age 40 and under.....	\$400
Age 41 to 60 years.....	\$400 less \$5 for each full year over age 40
Age 61 to 70 years.....	\$300 less \$6 for each full year over age 60
Age 71 to 89 years.....	\$240 less \$7 for each full year over age 70
Age 90 and over.....	\$100

Life membership is a wonderful gift for your favorite Mayflower Descendant (s), including Junior Members, and they will never have to pay dues again, for their lifetime.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- Anne Nicols Albaum, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
 Alice Wilma Bird Zacks, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
 Eglantine Lucy Marsh Ford, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 George Haskins Hathaway, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Donald Fred Miller, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
 Judith Onita Bargeon, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
 Grace Bernice Mather, *Ancestor: William Brewster*  
 Evelyn Jeanette Searles McCoy, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
 Mary Ellen Lewis Vangoff, *Ancestor: Samuel Fuller*  
 Jeanette Lynn Hill Keatts, *Ancestor: John Alden*  
 DeeDee McDonald Flint, *Ancestor: George Soule*  
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 Kelly Lynn VanWormer, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*  
 Patricia Ann Clark VanWormre, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*  
 Catherine Lynn Christ Lucas, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
 Susanne Marie Hodges Moore, (Transferred from Florida), *Ancestor: John Alden*  
 Marguerite Onieta Pitcher Bargeon, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
 Timothy Scott Reed, *Ancestor: Thomas Rogers*  
 Paul Edgerton Hathaway, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Julie Ann Hathaway Thompson, *Ancestor: William Bradford*  
 Francis Leslie Pitcher, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
 Melanie Sue Estelle, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
 Deborah Lynne Estelle Ruppel, *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins*  
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 Russell L. Dusett, *Ancestor: John Howland*  
 Maura Lynn Reardon Campbell, *Ancestor: Thomas Rogers*  
 Michael Gary Blowers, *Ancestor: Francis Cooke*  
 Nancy Lee Owen Hanson (Transferred fro Florida), *Ancestor: George Soule*

**SUPPLEMENTALS**

- William Marsden Porteous, *Ancestor: Edward Doty*  
 Jack Wesley Morgan, *Ancestor: Edward Fuller*  
 Margaret Rorick Beach, *Ancestors: John Alden and Myles Standish*  
 Robert Curtis Johnson, *Ancestors: John Howland, Joan Tilley, John Tilley,  
 and Elizabeth Tilley*

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