

MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER



Summer 2016

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan

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2016 SPRING LUNCHEON PROGRAM, A GRAND SUCCESS

The Spring program was not only entertaining, but educational regarding Michigan's historical past. Dr. James McConnell, and his wife, presented an interesting power-point presentation that included migration patterns, with Native American, French, and Michigan settlers. They discussed the glacial formation of the Great Lakes, Chief Pontiac's uprising, Michigan in the Revolutionary War, and several other very interesting subjects. We learned that Thomas Jefferson was responsible for changing the Township survey methods from Meet-and-Bounds to the organized rectangle township divisions, which was a great improvement. Michigan's area once contained the area of several states, until they separated. The Toledo agreement only included $\frac{1}{2}$ the Upper Peninsula, as the state already included the east half. In the past, Dr. McConnell gave us a presentation about Michigan's important involvement in the War of 1812. His presentations are always not only very interesting but humorous. We want to thank him for his involvement with our society.



The Warren Family, winners of the 2016 Spring Ancestor Count.

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ASSISTANT GENERAL (AG): Grace Smith, Deputy Governor

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

MICHIGAN'S WEB-SITE: www.michmayflower.org

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

Cindy Schmitt, pjwhimsey@aol.com.

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

The Nominating Committee has reached the following slate:

Governor: Grace Smith

Deputy Governor: June Gorman

Elder: **VACANT, WE NEED A VOLUNTEER**

Treasurer: Thora Goodnight

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Williams

Historian: Diane Sonneck

Historian for Juniors: Patricia Brown

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

2016

20 August 2016, Saturday, **Summer Board Meeting**, 10 a.m.

State Room Restaurant, (Olympus Room), Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Lunch off the menu for a no room charge.

8-11 September 2016, **General Society's Board of Assistant's Meeting**,

Columbia Club, Indianapolis Indiana,
They will also celebrate Illinois' Mayflower 100th Birthday.
Indianamayflower.com

8 October 2016, **Fall Board Meeting**, 10 a.m.

State Room Restaurant, (Olympus Room), Kellogg Center,
MSU Campus, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing,
Lunch off the menu for a no room charge.

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,
Phone: 855-652-7200

2017

1 May 2017, **Scholarship entries** are due. (They must in a form for each board member)

May 2017, **Spring Luncheon**, details to be announced.

August 2017, **Summer Board Meeting**, details to be announced.

September 2017, **General Congress**, Plymouth, Massachusetts,
details to be announced, Michigan Delegates welcome.

November 2017, **Compact Day Luncheon**, details to be announced.

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 400th Anniversary

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." Will Rogers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently have a serious problem.

Several positions are opening up and we have had no response.

This Society is dependant on the dedication of our volunteers.

Elder:

1. Opening and closing prayers at both the general and the board meetings.
2. Reading of the Mayflower Compact at the two general meetings.
3. Conducting the Ancestor Count at the two general meetings.
4. Sending sympathy cards to the spouse, or the family, of deceased members.
5. Reporting names of deceased members at the two general meetings.
5. Responsible for bringing memorial flowers to the November meeting,
(at Society expense).
6. Conducting the November Memorial Service for deceased members.
This requires a volunteer to place a flower in a container as the Elder reads each name.
7. This position is elected at the next election and holds a 3 year term.
8. This position allows a vote in the Society business.

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

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*

There are eight applications pending in Plymouth. We have had:
 77 inquiries, from our Web-site.
 28 inquiries, from Plymouth.
 15 inquiries, from other sources.
 6 supplemental requests.

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Hayford Sonneck, State Historian

The Web-site has had a total of 32,071 visitors since it was first launched on 1 Nov. 2006
 Submitted by Grace Bliss Smith

Our Public Relations Chairperson, Bonnie Vokits reported that member Imogene Tennis Cork unfortunately died only 2 days after being accepted into the Mayflower Society. Marlene Foster Lang died soon after receiving her acceptance letter from the Society. We wish these members could have enjoyed their membership in our Society much longer and we are deeply saddened to learn of their deaths.

Our Membership Secretary, Craig Rich, reports that we currently have 848 members, consisting of 530 Life Members, and 318 Regular Members. His report also included Five new members, two reinstatements, and three members deceased.

Our scholarship program is on-going. If you desire to make a contribution toward future scholarship awards, please contact our Treasurer.

It is very important for Scholarship entries to be accurate and factual. There are a serious number of published sources that are in error. The Mayflower Society has researched, and documented the correct history of the Mayflower and the Pilgrims. Careful research is necessary when applying for the Michigan Society scholarship.

DUES AND SCHOLARSHIP MAYFLOWER CALENDAR

1 January-31 December=Dues are active
 1 April=Scholarship Deadline, entries have to be submitted to Scholarship Chairperson
 1 May=Dues are delinquent, with a \$10 late fee
 May Board Meeting=Scholarship entries are distributed (or presented) to the Board
 August Board Meeting=Scholarship vote
 1 November=Next year's dues are due, before January
 November=Scholarship Awards awarded at the luncheon
 31 December=Treasurer's year-end report,
 The Investment Committee must vote to pay the Life dues to Plymouth.

Our Historian for Juniors, Patricia Brown, reports that we currently have 630 Junior Members. There were 27 Juniors who turned age 25 at the end of 2015 and were dropped from the Junior Membership. These members are now eligible for adult membership. We are hoping that their sponsors will encourage them to elevate their status. Patricia Brown has sent out 40 birthday cards for Junior members since the end of May. The birthday card program was an idea by Patricia and has been extremely successful. It is financed by the sale of the note cards at our sale's table.

WELCOME NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

- Josephine Lee Surel *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins Sponsor: Lee Bickford Bennett*
- Henry Bennett Surel *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins Sponsor: Lee Bickford Bennett*
- Joshua David Bennett *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins Sponsor: Lee Bickford Bennett*
- Riley Beatrice Bennett *Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins Sponsor: Lee Bickford Bennett*
- Jaelynn Till *Ancestor: Myles Standish Sponsor: Dorothy LeRoy*
- Charlotte Jenevieve Kayl *Ancestor: William Brewster Sponsor: Susan H. Kayl*
- Thia Anne Garofalo *Ancestor: Thomas Rogers Sponsor: Robert William Lindner*

If you sponsor a Junior Members and wish to have their names reported in the newsletter, please make sure that Patricia Brown is aware.

We have explored several ways to involve our Juniors, but it is difficult as the ages vary from newborns to age 25. Patricia's birthday program has been the best idea the Society has embraced.

Patricia also wants parents to know that the Plimoth Plantation has invited families and small groups to participate in an over-night stay in a pilgrim house in the village. This is an exciting program and a wonderful life-time experience. You may contact the Reservation and Scheduling Coordinator at 508-746-1622, or e-mail them at programs@plimoth.org. If you chose to participate in this program please share the experience with our Society.

Michigan Mayflower Society,

I'm pleased to tell you that last month Senator Peters signed on as a co-sponsor to S 1715, the Senate version of the Mayflower Commemorative Coin Bill, and Representative Walberg signed on to the associated bill in the House of Representatives.

These Michigan Congressional members also have become co-sponsors:

- Representative, John Moolenaar
- Senator, Gary Peters
- Representative, Tim Walberg

Congratulates for getting these Congress members to join our project. I appreciate the effort that your Society members are putting into this effort. We still have a long way to go, and I'm looking forward to informing you that your full Congressional delegation has signed on to these bills. If some of your members have a relationship with any of those who have signed on, we would love to have your Society people send a note of thanks to those who have already joined with us. The General Society has already done so, but notes from constituents are always appreciated by members of Congress.

George Garmany, Assistant Governor General, GSMD

We would also like to thank Charles W. Markey, husband of Michigan Society member, Mary Sue Markey, for his efforts in making this a reality.

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