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THANKSGIVING REMEMBRANCE

This year's SMDPA Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving on November 24, 2019 at 2PM. The Rev. Michael Caine has agreed to host our Mayflower Society Thanksgiving Service at Old First Reformed Church, United Church of Christ, located at 151 N Fourth and Race in Old City Philadelphia. Old First hosted us ten years ago, and it was a wonderful experience. The church was founded in 1727 and has an active mission to all those Jesus told us to care for. Please come and worship with us and celebrate our Mayflower heritage. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will follow the service at the nearby Wyndham Hotel.

Elder SMDPA, *Rev James R Buckner*



Pam Palchowski, and Captain Keith Kamenzind, both members of the Western Colony, were among the first members to purchase the awesome new state of Pennsylvania Mayflower license plates! Both Pam and Keith participated in Crafton Celebrates and met for the first time. It was fun to find out that we have almost matching plates, take a look. To obtain a cool license plate for your vehicle, simply go to Sail1620.org, go to the member area and then to the Store, and click on License Plate. It's that easy!

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Arrangements have been made for us to celebrate our friendships, family, and heritage with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Wyndham Hotel. Dinner follows the church service and is a five minute drive within the Philadelphia Historic District. The Wyndham's address is 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Dining reservations need to be paid in advance of our arrival. The cost for the dinner will be \$35 and your reservation needs to be secured by November 17th. There will be a children's meal offered for \$17.00 for children up to age 10. There is self parking and a cash bar will be provided.

Preferred payment and reservations can be made on our secure website, [wwwSail1620.org](http://www.Sail1620.org). If you do not have computer access, make checks payable to SMDPA and mail to Deborah Markowitz, 603 Worthington Dr., Exton, PA 19341. If you have any additional questions, dwinneamarkowitz@yahoo.com.

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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR REED KNEALE



To our loyal members and cousins,

With summer waning, new events and activities lie ahead. Mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving service in Old City Philly on November 24th. We will enjoy a beautiful service, dinner and donate funds to our host church. Details on the event can be found in this newsletter. For the start of 2020, there will be a float in the Rose Bowl parade on New Year's Day that many of our membership will be riding.

Our updated website is now operational and paying dividends in communication and time saving. Did you know about 2/3 of our members have verified email addresses and that dues renewal or event registrations as well as store purchases or donations can be made on-line? It is easy. And for a trip down memory lane, check out our Members Area on the website for a contest pertaining to a SMDPA Thanksgiving event from the past.

Thanks to all that have paid your dues timely! If you have missed our invoice, please contact us.

We were blessed to have known Don Miller and very sad that he passed. What a great supporter of our society! Our deepest sympathy to Deb and Joan as they mourn and adjust.

Our new officers and Board of Assistants have

been active this summer. They work very hard behind the scenes ensuring our ship stays on course.

Laura Tyndall will be representing us in Colorado at the Board of Assistants meeting. No doubt there will be news to share afterwards about upcoming GSMD activities for 2020 and beyond.

Western Colony held an event in July at Fort Ligonier in Latrobe. Photos are posted on our website (under previous events or by viewing photo gallery in the Members Area of the website). Our Captain, Keith Kammenzind was in attendance.

Our newsletter has been reformatted thanks to our Deputy Governor, Deb Georgantis-Miller and new volunteers Pam Palchowski and Sara Droddy, both from the Western Colony. We are going to press early to make sure our next edition arrives timely.

Jim Buckner has announced a scholarship winner. We are blessed to have a worthy recipient and trust our Mayflower support will guide the winner through his career and life.

As our 400-year anniversary in 2020 looms, feel free to offer ideas for celebration and be prepared to participate in the events.

We have secured and will be announcing a very special speaker for our annual meeting April 19, 2020, stay tuned, location to be determined.

Thanks for your support!

Governor, Reed Kneale
smdpa-governor@sail1620.org

2019 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Preferred method of payment is through our web site.

Adult price - \$35.00 Child's meal for a child up to 10 years of age - \$17.00

Member Name - _____ price paid _____

Guest Name - _____ price paid _____

Guest Name - _____ price paid _____

Child's Name - _____ price paid _____

TOTAL Paid _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Preferred method of payment is through our web site. If you need to send a check, mail above reservation form with your check, made payable to SMDPA, to Deborah Markowitz, 603 Worthington Dr., Exton, PA 19341.

2019 DUES REMINDER

The end of the year is upon us. If you have not yet paid your 2019 annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are:

\$40.00 for Regular members and

\$15.00 per Junior household

Life and Emeritus members owe no dues.

Of course, we encourage members to make additional contributions to the SMDPA, suggested programs are listed below. All contributions are tax deductible under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Tax Code. You can designate contributions to

- The Education Fund supports classroom education endeavors
- Katharine F. Little Distinguished Achievement Award Fund
- Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award Fund
- Unrestricted Fund for Society discretionary use.

Please pay your dues promptly so that our Society's financial obligations can continue to be met on a timely basis, and your membership status remains in good standing. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Biederman at:

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Our new website, at the familiar web address, (www.sail1620.org) offers you the ability to renew your membership, one year at a time, and also allows you to make donations and purchases from our on-line Store. Debit and credit cards are convenient options for payment. Note: You will be notified when 2020 renewals are available.

Treasurer, Scott Bond



SUSQUEHANNA COLONY SPRING MEETING

On May 4, 2019, members of the Susquehanna Colony met at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg for the Spring meeting and luncheon. There were 27 attendees at the meeting, 18 members and 9 guests. New members in attendance were, Melinda Canfield, Lois Howanec, Nancy Larsen, and Linda Sue Molitoris.

Governor Daniel Lute called the meeting to order. Attendees recited the Pilgrim Pledge and members stood, introduced themselves, told where they were from, and gave their application Pilgrim. The October 2018 minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Colony members voted to purchase two bricks for the walkway at the Mayflower Society House and Gardens. One for the 400th Anniversary and the other to honor Joan Miller. In the past, Joan has served as the Susquehanna Colony Governor and the SMDPA Governor. She most recently served as our DGG - Deputy Governor General, which is our representative to the General Society. Members also voted to donate money toward the restoration of the First Parish Church (National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse) in Plymouth. A drawing for door prizes was held. Members and guests walked away with some very nice Mayflower related items such as; travel mugs, 2020 calendars, and baseball hats. The meeting was adjourned, and grace was given before the meal.

Everyone enjoyed the great buffet set out by the Country Cupboard. There was time to catch up with cousins and to meet and greet new ones. A cake was presented to Governor Daniel Lute and members sang "Happy Birthday" to mark the occasion.

BoA member, Cathy Smith was pleased to introduce the days guest speaker, her husband Jerry Smith. Smith presented his program "American Land Tenure: History, Quirks, and Quandries". He discussed the methods used by governments and proprietors throughout history to pass land to private owners. He shared the many types of land records genealogists can use to help them in the research of their family history. Smith took questions after his presentation, of which there were many.

As the meeting ended, members seemed excited to take some of Smith's tips back home and apply them to their research. Some attendees stayed to shop in the gift shops, others with longer trips ahead, said their good-byes and headed for home.

WESTERN COLONY SPRING MEETING, CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Pennsylvania's Western Colony enjoyed a delicious luncheon at our annual Spring meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the lovely Edgeworth Club in Sewickley, Pennsylvania.



Led by Western Colony Governor, Patricia G. Hill, we then conducted our May business meeting while enjoying a hot lunch buffet which offered a soup du jour or salad and chicken marsala, salmon with dill sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rice, rolls, butter, coffee, hot or iced tea, and a gorgeous cake celebrating the Western Colony's 75th anniversary (1944-2019). It was an honor to have Governor Reed Kneale, and his lovely wife at the luncheon to celebrate the anniversary.

Our guest speaker, Gary Augustine, presented on the engaging topic of "Hollywood and World War II in the Movies," and discussed seven decades of Hollywood movies covering all aspects of the War and how

portrayal of the War has evolved over time. Gary Augustine is a graduate of the University of Chicago and is a former Naval officer. He is also a speaker, teacher and writer who has enjoyed a lifelong fascination with the people and events which have shaped our world. He has spoken at military history seminars and to a variety of groups that include retirement communities and adult university learning programs. He spent his professional career working for IBM and PNC.



WESTERN COLONY SMDPA SUMMER EVENT

On July 27, 2019, we gathered for docent-led tours of Fort Ligonier in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The Western Colony was pleased to provide the cost of the docents for the tours and as always, welcomed prospective members, guests and friends to accompany current members.

The historic complex in Ligonier consists of a modern museum with an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts and displays that tell the story of the British fortification that served as a frontier outpost during the French and Indian War and Pontiac's Rebellion. Adjoining the museum, a re-creation of the original fort transports visitors to the colonial era. In 1758 at Ligonier, General John Forbes planned his assault on the French.

Following the visit to the fort, we enjoyed gathering at the Gray Goose Restaurant for a lunch menu that offered salads, sandwiches and various entrees. We had fun learning the history that is so close to home.





NEW WESTERN COLONY MEMBERS WELCOMED AT THE SPRING MEETING

The Western Colony welcomed five new members at the annual meeting; Keith Hammenzind, Brenda Sue Weaver, Debra Dobroski, Eileen Kopleman, and Beverly Hopkins. Keith opened the meeting by reading the Mayflower Compact, see above photo. Brenda Sue and Eileen were able to be present at the meeting, see the photo below. For information about the Western Colony, including z/0, please contact Billie Gailey at 412-323-8945 or urquis@comcast.net.



SMDPA TAKES PART IN THE 2019 HAVERFORD HERITAGE FESTIVAL

For the past 5 or 6 years, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania has set up an information table at the Haverford Township Historical Society's annual Heritage Festival. This year was no exception. The festival was held on June 2, 2019 and was to run from 10 AM to 4 PM. Arriving at 8 o'clock in the morning, by 9 we had everything set up to include a canopy, table, chairs, and a variety of printed material. It promised to be a very warm day but with a lower percent chance of storms than in the past. This kept many people away as well as a few of the usual participants. Still by noon, there was a pretty good crowd of people gathered. This year the table was manned by myself, Cynthia Jordan, and Holly Mcnaughton. Cynthia and I were both wearing period clothing which attracted much attention (even had a few parents wanting my picture with their children). A good number of people stopped by and expressed interest in knowing more. Some said they were sure they were descendants and we encouraged them to seriously consider joining the Society. We had a few repeats from last year and one said that they were in the process of applying. The three of us had a great time meeting new people and especially ones back from last year. We had many opportunities to give some of the history of not only the Mayflower Society, but also of the pilgrims. We also had a craft table set up for children to decorate sun visors. This festival is a great opportunity to promote our Society and we are already looking forward to next year's participation. If anyone is interested in helping man the table, you are more than welcome. You don't have to be an expert in Pilgrim history or even wear period clothes. Just come out and have fun meeting people and representing the Society of Mayflower Descendants of PA. By James Buckner



SMDPA PARTICIPATES IN CRAFTON CELEBRATES

On July 28, 2019, The Society of Mayflower Descendants of PA participated in Crafton Celebrates, which is a three-day community festival centered around the Fourth of July. The festival starts out with a parade, and then there is a community celebration in the park with entertainment, rides, games, and a variety of food vendors. We marched in the parade and then set up a booth. We had curious people asking very good questions about how to track your ancestors. The children enjoyed meeting a pilgrim and the conversations were great. In attendance was Jim Buckner as the pilgrim, Governor Reed Kneale, and Captain Keith Kammenzind. By Pam Palchowski

ELIZABETH TILLEY HOWLAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2019



This year's winner of the Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarships is Bradley Goss. Bradley is the son of SMDPA member Daryl Goss. Bradley graduated from Abington High School and plans to attend Temple University majoring in Information Science and Technology. Bradley's extracurricular activities included Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, and Sons of the American Revolution Event Assistance. His class rank was 92 out of 585 students and he graduated with a weighted grade point average of 4.049. Our congratulations To Bradley as this year's recipient of the Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award.



THANKSGIVING FLASHBACK CONTEST!

If you know who is in the above picture, the year of the event or location, you will be a winner in a new contest. Feel free to offer your entry via email to the SMDPA Governor or via USPS to 1850 McMillan Road USC, PA 15241. Submit your guesses by October 31st.

Winners will be announced at our Thanksgiving dinner after our service; winners need not be present. The prizes that will be awarded will be appropriate for Mayflower members and will be better depending on early entry and accuracy of the answers. All members are eligible. This event is being sponsored at no cost to the society. Please have fun with your answers, guessing is encouraged!

THE THREAD THAT BINDS US

by Tina Hoffman

I joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in 2006 after my parents 10-year quest for a connection to Elder William Brewster proved fruitful. The more I learned about my ancestry, the more interested I became. By 2016, I had joined the Board of Assistants as secretary, and my father, Ronald William Simonsen, MD came aboard as our Surgeon. I have always had a close relationship with my family but our involvement

together in the SMDPA has proven a very special experience for me and my father.

During our SMDPA journey, I have found the similarities we share with our ancestors increasingly fascinating. Though there is technical proof that the DNA making up our genes is carried biologically, I believe that there is more to it than that. I believe that the blood that flowed in our ancestors so many years ago has sailed through the veins of the generations, much like the Mayflower sailed the seas. Over the years, as I've come to know my 13th great grandfather William Brewster, I have come to recognize certain aspects of his character in my father. I see William Brewster in my father in countless ways.

Like William Brewster, my father is a pioneer; always forging ahead for something he believes in, even when the path is unclear.

He is a visionary; when he sees a need for change, he goes in full force with the courage necessary to amend the issue. William Brewster, by leading the separatists' meetings in his home in Scrooby, was doing just that.

My father is an intellect with a never sated thirst for knowledge, and a proclivity to share it. Interestingly, William Brewster was known to have one of the most impressive libraries of his time and was a printer and publisher of informative religious materials while in Leiden.

My father is a pacifist, he is a lover of our earth and a protector of her resources, and he is a family man. And I'd be willing to bet William Brewster was too.

I hope I have given you something to think about. As you learn more about your ancestors, consider their traits. Whether your Mayflower ancestor was a leader, a mentor, AN ADVENTURER, EVEN A SCOUNDREL... I am willing to bet that somewhere inside you is a bit of the same.

IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Registrar Pamela Kolyer

The members of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of our recently departed.

Mr. Adam Jamison - Member since 2001

Mr. Don Miller - Honorary Merchant Adventurer of PA Mayflower Society.

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR ANCESTORS

FROM SMDPA Co-Historian Ginny Fossa

Name	Generation	Descendent
Hutchins, Amanda	10	Alden
Ballog, Beverly	14	Howland
Ricci, Claire	11	Priest
Bradford, Ira	11	Bradford
Lanyon, Mack DeWitt	12	Cooke
Holt, Henry Martyn Robert	11	Alden
Weston, Gail	11	Hopkins, CT Dual Member
Dabrowski, Deborah Louise Carson	14	Brewster
Dowd, Craig William	14	Tilley
Forbes, William Frederick	13	Howland
Cullen, Debra Jean Clough	10	Bradford
Everett, Kenneth Ronald	11	Warren
Kopelman, Eileen Helen Potter	3	Billington
Chappell, Joyce Ann	12	Cooke
Hopkins, Beverly Jean	11	Warren
Kammenzind, Beverly Jane Pontius	10	Howland
Arthur, Ray David	11	Bradford
Henning, George Thomas	13	Howland
Henning, Jonathan Andrew	13	Howland
Henning, William Christian	13	Howland
Klemick, Thomas Jacob	12	Brown
Hull, Robert W	12	White
Wickham, Leslie	11	Samson
Preiss, Lori Ann	11	White
Atwood, Brian	12	Hopkins
Geissinger, William Todd	12	Alden
Molitoris, Elizabeth Anne	12	Doty
Molitoris, Emily Catherine	12	Doty
Rodgers, William Paul	13	Howland
Wagner, Joanne Dorothy	13	Warren
Scherf-Cholak, Carol	13	Brewster
Schmidt, Barbara Ann Elton	13	Hopkins
Cassidy, Patrick James	13	Brewster
Zollinger, Rachel	12	Warren
DiGiacomo, Kerry	12	Rogers
DiGiacomo, Kristy	12	Fuller

The following Supplemental applications were approved:

Kammenzind, Keith	12	Tilley
Mulliken, Stephanie	12	Hopkins

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SAVE THE DATE

- September 21** – Board of Assistants meeting 10:30-12:00 Merion Cricket Club
- October 26** – Board of Assistants meeting 10:30-12:00 Merion Cricket Club
- October 26** – Susquehanna Colony Fall meeting at Berwick Golf Club
- October 31** – Thanksgiving Flashback Contest submissions due by 11:30 PM
- November 16** – Western Colony Thanksgiving meeting at Oakmont Country Club
- November 17** – Last day to make reservations for the Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 24** – Thanksgiving Worship Service and Dinner Old First Reformed Church and dinner at the Wyndham
- February 29** – Board of Assistants meeting
- April 19** – SMDPA Annual meeting 12:00-3:00, details to follow