

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER  
DESCENDANTS IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA (SMDPA)

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## SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER GOVERNOR GENERAL GEORGE GARMANY, JR., MD



Please join the SMDPA for an enlightening talk from our Governor General of the General Society at the Spring Luncheon on April 18th. from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, PA 19041.

Dr. George P. Garmany, Jr., from Boulder, Colorado, was elected in 2017 as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

He has been a member of the Colorado Society since 1994, serving multiple offices there, including two terms as Governor. Prior offices in the General Society include four terms as Surgeon General and one term as Assistant Governor General, with numerous extra appointments during that time. Most recently he served chairing the “2020 Committee” which engaged in planning for the activities for the General Society to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

George earned both his BA and MD degrees at the University of Virginia. He moved to Colorado for Residency training and practiced Neurology in Boulder for thirty-eight years. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, and his long-term commitment to teaching resulted in an appointment as Clinical Professor of Neurology at the University of Colorado. He is a former President of the United Medical Staff of Boulder and of the Colorado Society of Clinical Neurologists. In recognition for his long-term work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, he received the prestigious Harold E. Williamson Award established by the COPIC Foundation to honor a physician who has volunteered extensive services in his or her community in Colorado.

George belongs to the Boulder Rotary Club and has

served as a Scoutmaster. He continues to work with the Boy Scouts as a Board Member. Activities with the Scouts have allowed George and his family to enjoy the wonderful outdoors in Colorado and other nearby states. George’s wife, Beverly, is a member of the DAR in Boulder, and George also belongs to the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Connecticut. They both share a deep love of American History and are looking forward to working with the Mayflower Society at this special time in preparation for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

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**MESSAGE FROM  
GOVERNOR KNEALE**



To our loyal members and cousins,  
SMDPA expects 2020 to be robust with activities for our members beginning with our annual meeting Saturday, April 18, 2020 that will be keynoted by our dear Governor General George Garmany, Jr, MD! We will have much to celebrate and share. We will elect a new board of assistants as our nominating committee has been working overtime to select top quality candidates for the coming year. I am excited to learn about the background and talents of our BOA and grateful for the current members who have given so much!

On Sunday, June 28th, SMDPA is Co-sponsoring & hosting the “DreamRide” charity cycling event from Philadelphia to Plymouth, MA with Dr. Maestas, Superintendent of Plymouth schools. This charity event raises money and awareness for our society in a manner fitting our ancestors. [www.dreamrideplymouth.org](http://www.dreamrideplymouth.org). We will be hosting a kickoff in the Fairmont Park near where “The Pilgrim” statue stands starting at 3 p.m. More details will be available, so save the date as there will be press coverage of this charitable event.

The GSMD Congress will be held starting September 15th in Plymouth. We are allowed limited delegates but have a few spots still open. I would love to see you there enjoying our celebration of the 400-year landing this year. The congress is an amazing event and we join all our state societies to review our bylaws and elect our leadership. We currently have over 40,000 members and growing. Our membership in Pennsylvania approached 800. If you haven’t been to Plymouth, what are you waiting for?

Our Thanksgiving service and dinner in November will take place in historical St. David’s Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA. St. David’s was built in 1715 and still standing. This church has no electricity, so candles will illuminate our event. The church has been forever memorialized as Longfellow included it in one of his poems. Our dinner afterward will include scholarship winners and the presentation of our Distinguished Pilgrim award.

Our two vibrant Colonies are busy finalizing their plans for the local members. Please check our website for more events, details and updates [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org).

Respectfully,  
Reed Kneale  
Governor SMDPA

**2020 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM – Due by April 8th [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org)**

Adult price - \$30.00      Child’s meal for a child up to 12 years of age - \$16.00

Member Name - \_\_\_\_\_ price paid \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon\_\_\_

Member Name - \_\_\_\_\_ price paid \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon\_\_\_

Guest Name - \_\_\_\_\_ price paid \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon\_\_\_

Guest Name - \_\_\_\_\_ price paid \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon\_\_\_

Child’s Name - \_\_\_\_\_ price paid \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_

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.

## DreamRide 2020

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Our SMDPA is proud to be an organizational partner to support DreamRide Plymouth Incorporated (DPI) 2020. The bike ride is a sanctioned event of the 400th anniversary commemoration being held in Plymouth, MA. In addition to recognizing the 400th anniversary of Plymouth, an accurate depiction of the Indigenous peoples' story is incorporated in the commemoration. DreamRide 2020 will begin at the steps of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA and travel 400 miles northeast to Plymouth, MA, ending as part of Plymouth's July 4th parade in 2020. Fifteen to twenty riders will travel via Philadelphia, PA, New Jersey, New York City and Long Island, southeastern Connecticut, Providence, RI, and southeastern Massachusetts to celebrate the history of our nation with stops at historical sites, meetings with various Mayflower descendants and Native American tribes along the way; and of course, celebrating with the children of today's America. The DreamRide concept was created by Dr. Gary Maestas in 2011 which inspired a team to create DPI in 2019. DPI is driven to motivate children and young adults through the use of events. The events are designed to inspire them to set goals and to understand the importance of education, and how a healthy lifestyle benefits them today and into their future.

The SMDPA will host a reception at 3:00 pm in the Fairmont park near "the Pilgrim statue". There will be a high presence of media involved. So, save the date, June 28th, and there will be more information coming soon.

## SPRING LUNCHEON APRIL 18th 12:00 p.m.

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Arrangements have been made for us to celebrate our friendships, family, and heritage with a delicious meal at the Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave, Haverford, PA 19041. The menu includes a traditional garden salad, your choice of broiled salmon with lemon tarragon sauce served with wild rice and asparagus or chicken marsala, a sautéed breast of chicken in a mushroom marsala wine sauce served with garlic whipped potatoes, asparagus, and warm rolls with butter. For dessert, a seasonal fruit crisp cobbler will be served with coffee and tea. Children's meal: 12 and under includes a fruit cup, chicken fingers, french fries and raspberry sorbet. Adult meal is \$30.00 and Children's meal is \$16.00

Dining reservations need to be paid in advance by April 8th. There will be a cash bar provided after the meeting.

## REFLECTIONS

### BY DR. SIMONSEN, SMPDA SURGEON

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I stood on the little bluff above Newcomb Hollow Beach. It was Sunday, February 23rd, the first time I had set foot on Cape Cod and I had told everyone, "My wish is to feel the sting of salt spray against my face." Having lived most of my life Warren, PA, I am used to challenging weather and I crave it, but it didn't happen. The wind was persistent, but not ferocious. It came from the west, down the craggy little spine of the Cape behind me. It was 50 degrees with barely a cloud. I stood at the fence at the end of the public parking lot and gazed at the dazzling blue mountain of water. I wondered how far out from shore a person would first see the identifiable shape of the Mayflower. I thought, "A Native American would have had knowledge of those that had transited their shores earlier" - but this one would be different! Onboard was a group of people who, setting out sixty-seven days before, left the comfort of land for a creaky, constantly moving, crowded and smelly, noisy and intrusive space that must have drained every drop of empathy, kindness, patience, work, and determination to bring them along.

With the sight of land, a giant step on their journey was completed. Poor diet, limited water, and extreme mental stress must have aroused their wonder that they had survived and made landfall. It was over!

After finding anchorage in the quieter water inside the bay, not giving in to the fatigue that always follows great effort, they instead gathered to write the Mayflower Compact. This amazing act of creation, a new model of self-governance that has shown us the way forward, is celebrated now on its 400th birthday. This journey we have all been on, a journey that millions have joined, and millions more wish to, this last great hope on earth for humanity, behooves us to comfort the suffering, shelter the frightened, postpone rest and stay the course for ourselves and for the generations that will follow.

## WESTERN COLONY SPRING MEETING

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Please mark your calendars and save the date for our Spring Meeting which will be on May 16th. An invitation will be mailed, and information will be posted on the web page. [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org)

## SUSQUEHANNA COLONY FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

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The Susquehanna Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania recently held their Fall Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, October 26. The Berwick Golf Club was the setting and the beautiful Autumn day was spent overlooking the golf course.



*Attendees enjoying the guest speaker*

Members, prospective members, and guests began arriving around 11 am; they registered with Secretary Sharon Saunders and her husband Mike. The time for mingling and sharing fellowship with other cousins was a real treat. Governor Dan Lute opened the meeting and asked for the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Governor Lute also asked each member to give a brief introduction of themselves and give their Pilgrim ancestor(s). Elder Jim Buckner gave the grace before the meal. Attendees enjoyed a buffet meal of tossed salad, broccoli pasta salad, stuffed chicken breast, grilled salmon, roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley and an assortment of delicious desserts.

Cinda Hartman introduced guest speakers Clark Switzer and member Matthew Schooley. Their presentation was a collaboration to provide our membership with a better understanding of the migration of Mayflower descendants from England to New England to Northeast



*Guest Speaker, Clark Switzer*

Pennsylvania. Matthew Schooley's family farm was the sight of the Wyoming Massacre and as a descendant of the Fuller family; Schooley took us on the journey of his family through some most difficult times. Raffle donations included some Mayflower related items and

fun Halloween items. Ella Lute, wife of Governor Lute donated three prints of her latest Mayflower painting for the drawing. They were beautifully matted and ready for framing. Mrs. Lute also gave each attendee a note card gift of her latest creation.

As the gathering ended, it was time to say our good-byes. We wished our cousins "happy holidays" and made our way for home.



*Colony Governor Dan Lute*



*Colony Secretary, Sharon Saunders*

## SUSQUEHANNA COLONY SPRING MEETING

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Our Spring Meeting will be at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg on May 2. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at noon. We will have election of new officers. More information will be announced on the web site. [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org).

## WESTERN COLONY THANKSGIVING

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The Western colony celebrated Thanksgiving with our families and friends at the Oakmont Yacht Club. Matt Gailey read the Mayflower Compact, and a business meeting followed. After a delicious luncheon, we sat back and enjoyed a fascinating presentation on decorating. Our guest speaker was Nancy Hoff Barsotti, an active member of the American Society of Interior Designers. Ms. Barsotti presented a slide show pertaining to the White House holiday decorating. It was very interesting to hear the process for applying to be selected as a volunteer decorator. In 2015, she was chosen from over 1000 applicants to be part of the

design and creative team to decorate the White House for the holidays. She worked in the prestigious Blue Room to decorate the official Christmas Tree, and the window wreaths. Nancy also designed wreaths for the White House Foyer and the Queen's Sitting Room. We enjoyed her slide show and amazing stories she told about the entire process including security procedures.

## FLASHBACK PHOTO CONTEST WINNER!

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Submitted by Governor Reed Kneale

It was a challenge to figure out the Thanksgiving photo from years gone by. Ok, I admit it was a bit of a tricky request as the actual event was November 24, 1947 in Gloria Dei (Old Swedes church), Philadelphia.



The idea was to guess the year of the SMDPA annual service and offer names if possible, of the participants.

I found this photo on ebay last year and was intrigued. The ladies in the front were identified on the back of the photo. They are Margarite Livingston, Little Betsy Roberts and Frances Reed McIntyre.

Hats off to Sharyn Davis who offered the best guess! Sharyn is member of the Board of Assistants and co-edits our newsletter She is always generous with her time having recently made a presentation to over 40 members of the local Rotary Club for our society.

Sharyn has won a two-volume collection of out-of-print scanned Mayflower books on DVD. There are over 200 unedited books on each of the DVDs and can be printed or easily read. The books go back 200 plus years in some cases and have as many as a thousand pages. Sharyn is a librarian and avid Mayflower Society member, the two DVDs were presented to her February 29th, 2020 at our BOA meeting.

Well done Sharyn!

## THE MAYFLOWER GUARD

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The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has created The Mayflower Guard to serve as a ceremonial color guard. SMDPA is looking for society members to participate in our Mayflower Guard. Guard members should be willing to attend meetings

and events appropriately dressed as were the Pilgrims. The Mayflower Guard will visibly promote the education and understanding of the Pilgrims through their historically correct apparel.

What makes the Mayflower Guard different from other military guards? The Mayflower Guard is drawn from direct descendants of the passengers who sailed on the Mayflower hence the name Mayflower Guard.

The presentation of SMDPA flags, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and other patriotic ceremonies (respecting and honoring our forefathers, as well as those living and deceased who lived and died to continue the freedoms they sought) are very moving occasions when presented as a part of our SMDPA meetings and events.

SMDPA Captain Keith Kammenzind ( sumtert-wo1@verizon.net ) is looking for Honor Guard volunteers to participate in SMDPA ceremonies, parades and SMDPA special events throughout the Commonwealth of PA. Please forward your name and interest to Captain Kammenzind via his email.

## DRESS LIKE A PILGRIM

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As we approach the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony, there are in living history many events and opportunities where members of the GSMD are encouraged to dress like a Pilgrim and don Pilgrim appropriate attire. However, we have a major problem when it comes to dressing like a pilgrim. The public image of what the Pilgrims wore is based on old images from the 19th century and early 20th century that are historically incorrect.

Please log in to: [themayflowersociety.org](http://themayflowersociety.org) and search dress like a pilgrim for further accurate information on how you can acquire proper clothing to be a reenactor, attend parades, and perhaps join the SMDPA Mayflower Guard.



*Hats off to Laura L.Tyndall, styling a Pilgrim helmet.*

## NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR ANCESTORS

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Name	Descendant
Hazelton, George	Warren 11th
Bishop, Brenda Lee	Fuller E 12
Gorman, Suzanne	White 12th
Klein, Lauren	Brewster 13th
Deissroth, Deborah	Chilton 15th
Earnhart, Allison	Bradford 12th
Root, Christopher	Bradford 13th
Biddle, Valerie Penn Stevenson	Howland 11th
Nicholaison, Jeanne	Howland 11th
McAlpine, Susan	Brewster 12th
Zegda, Sharon	Doty 11 <sup>th</sup>
Putman, Diana	Bradford 14th
Laucks, Diane	Soule 11th
Cook, Douglas	Howland 12th
Hottle, Kelley	Howland 13th
Sparta, Pamela	Fuller 13th
Messer, Clarissa Putman	Bradford 15th
Alden, Helen	Alden 9th
Laughlin, J Scott	Constance Hopkins 12th

## NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

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D'Andrea, Katherine	Root, Savannah
D'Andrea, Nathanael	Klein, Emily Sophia
Davis, Evan	Klein, Allison Marcella
Bath, Gabriella	Klein, Sarah Elaine
Bath, Mason	Jankov, Timothy John
Root, Avery May	

## KIDS CORNER

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On behalf of the SMDPA, I would like to welcome our new juniors and their sponsors, to the Mayflower Society of Pennsylvania. I am looking forward to meeting you and hoping that you will be active members in our society. We have much to offer for all ages. Trips to historical places, interesting museums, and more. Fun activities such as picnics, movies and lunch and maybe a sport activity or two. I would love to hear from you with your ideas of what you would like to do. I am open for any and all suggestions. For older juniors, 21 and over, meet and greets are always a great way to meet other members. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Debby Markowitz, junior chair. [dwinmarkowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:dwinmarkowitz@yahoo.com)

## ELIZABETH TILLEY HOWLAND MAYFLOWER DESCENDANT SCHOLARSHIP 2020

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Submitted by Education Chair, James Buckner

Multiple educational scholarships will be granted this year to any graduating high school/home school senior who are members of, or directly related to an active member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania and who has been accepted by an accredited college or university. The scholarship award, which is to be used only for college-related needs, will be paid to the college or university.

To be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must provide the following:

1. The applicant must completely fill out the application form and provide the required documents. The application can be downloaded from the [sail1620.org](http://sail1620.org) website.

2. Transcript of high school grades to include grade point average

3. Verification of acceptance by an accredited college or university.

4. A 750-word essay on the topic "What does the 400th anniversary of the landing of our Pilgrim ancestors mean to you and your family and friends" to include interviews with family and friends.

5. Essays must be post marked by July 1, 2020

Essays will be judged on the following criteria: adherence to the topic, organization, historical accuracy, reasoning, appropriate word choice, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

The essay of the winning applicant becomes the property of the SMDPA and may be published in the Society's newsletter.

An applicant's entry with supporting documents must be mailed to the Education/Scholarship Chair at the address listed on the application.

## IN MEMORIAM

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Reported by Registrar Pamela Kolyer

Thomas Earle Brown member since 2017

John H. Corr member since 2013

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 departed members.

## PLIMOTH PLANTATION REENACTORS COMING TO PA

Submitted by James Buckner

This year, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the coming of the Mayflower, we will be hosting reenactors from Plimoth Plantation. The reenactors will speak in schools in both colonies and in the Philadelphia area. October 26-30 a reenactor will visit schools in the Susquehanna Colony area. November 2-6 a reenactor will be in the Western Colony area. November 9-13 a reenactor will visit schools in the Philadelphia area.



*“Governor Bradford” at Plimoth Plantation  
Photo credit: Pam Palchowski*

## BOY SCOUT RED & WHITE BANQUET

Submitted by Ginny Fossa

Jim Buckner was the guest speaker portraying John Howland on February 23, 2020 at the Boy Scouts Red and White Banquet for Troop 29, Minsi Trails Council and the Forks of the Delaware District in Easton, PA. Co-Historian Ginny Fossa’s grandsons, Ben and Jack Fossa are both members of the troop and her son Frank Fossa is the Committee Chair.



*Jim Buckner, portraying John Howland, with Jack Fossa, grandson to Ginny Fossa.*

## OUR OWN REENACTOR – JAMES BUCKNER

SMDPA is proud of our reenactor, Jim, who has logged many hours and many school, scout troops, and parade visits to enlighten children about the story of the Mayflower and its passengers. Thank you for all you do “Mr. Howland”.

## REENACTING BY JAMES BUCKNER

This past Autumn I had the opportunity to portray my ancestor, John Howland, in six elementary schools in Lancaster County. In the past few years, I have been speaking in two schools close to home. This past year I added four more schools in my county. The grades ranged from first grade to the sixth grade. The children were well behaved and were very interested in what I had to say. At the end of the presentations, if time permitted, I was able to answer a few of the many questions raised by the students. I received many thank you notes from students and teachers. I spoke to 855+ students during this year. I hope to expand to even more schools in the coming year. I recently presented the John Howland story as a reenactor at a Boy Scout Troop’s Red and White dinner in Forks Township, PA. In June I plan on participating in Crafton Celebrates, and in October I will be reenacting at a church retreat in Mount Bethel, PA. If anyone knows of a school or organization that would like to know about Pilgrims, I would love to go speak to them in their classroom. See the below photos of Jim in the classroom teaching our youth about our ancestors.



## CRAFTON CELEBRATES INVITATION

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Crafton is a small borough located west of Pittsburgh, that holds a multi-day Fourth of July celebration every year since 1976. This summer the festival will start on June 25th, Thursday with a parade. The parade route is just under one mile in length. The parade is well attended with high school bands, button box players, dance groups, horses, nonprofit groups, military representation, and Shriner groups. The parade route ends at Crafton Park where there is a stage for a variety of entertainment, food booths, vendors, games, climbing wall, petting zoo, train rides, a huge auction tent, and much more.

As the parade director, I would like to invite the SMDPA members to participate in the parade and the meet and greet in the park after the parade. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday the 25th and the festival ends on Sunday June 28th with fireworks. Please let me know if you are interested and would like more information.

Submitted by Pam Palchowski, newsletter editor  
ariverboater@aol.com

## HAVERTOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

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For the past few years we have had an information booth at the Havertown Heritage Festival. It is always a fun time meeting people and visiting the other historical displays. There is lots of food and great entertainment. Come on out and enjoy the fun. Stop by our booth and say hi. The festival will be held on June 7, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 1682 Karakung Dr. Havertown, PA 19083

James Buckner

## 2020 THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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The 2020 annual Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22 at 2 p.m. It will take place at St David's Episcopal Church 763 South Valley Forge Road in Wayne, Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

St. David's Episcopal Church, often known as St. David's at Radnor or, less often, as Old St. David's, is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, founded in the early 18th century and named after the Patron Saint of Wales. The original church

building, built in 1715 and the subject of a Longfellow poem, still stands. It is in nearly the same condition as when it was built, several new buildings having been constructed to house the growing congregation. Our service will be held in the original church building.

In March 1880, the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow visited St. David's. Struck by the peace and quiet of "this little church among its graves", he composed a poem about it: "Old St. David's at Radnor", which was published later that same year in the collection *Ultima Thule*.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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GSMD Quilt Project – Laura Tyndall

As part of a February 2020 quilting project to honor the retirement of the long-serving GSMD librarian, Carolyn Travers, each state society was asked (via their historian) to submit a 6 x 6-inch quilt block that represented their respective state. SMDPA Historian Ginny Fossa sent out a request to society members for ideas and the following quilt block was created and submitted by Laura Tyndall. The SMDPA logo was embroidered onto a cream background applique as were the symbols of the Liberty Bell and a Pennsylvania pretzel. The background border fabric of pink and white represented Mayflower Society colors. The block was submitted in December with the final quilt presented on February 14th. Thank you, Laura, for creating a beautiful piece of work that represented our society with great pride.



*Quilt Square represents SMDPA*

## SHARYN DAVIS SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB

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On January 23rd, Susquehanna Colony member, Sharyn Davis, gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, PA. Davis was asked by Rotary member and prospective Mayflower Society member, Ann Way, Ph.D., to speak to the group regarding her “Genealogy Journey.”

Davis took the group back in time to “meet” some of her grandparents. Those that survived a smallpox outbreak in 1901-1902; a 3rd great-grandfather that was reported as being part of the Secret Service Division and was sent on several European missions for President Lincoln during the Civil War, her 10th great-grandfather, Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island was also noted.

The opportunity was used by Davis to introduce the Rotarians to the Mayflower Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is also a member. She shared the process, benefits, and satisfaction of applying to a lineage society. A display of her Mayflower certificates and the binders of documentation needed to prove her lineage to Richard Warren and Edward Doty were nearby. The Davis Family Thanksgiving tablecloth and a book about John Howland falling overboard the Mayflower were shown to the group and Mayflower Society membership pamphlets were given to all in attendance.



*Sharyn Davis – Promoting SMDPA at Rotary Club*

## JOAN MILLER SAYS THANKS!

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Joan would like to express her sincere appreciation to the friends and supporters in the SMDPA who have reached out to her, sent her cards, and remember her in their thoughts. Joan, thank you for all you do for our society.

## SMDPA OFFICER AND ASSISTANT SLATE FOR 2020-2021

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The Nominating Committee Chair: Joan Reed Miller, Committee members: Dot Lees and Robert Heinsohn submit the following slate of Officers and Assistants to be considered for election at our Society’s Annual Meeting on April 18, 2020. An asterisk (\*) signifies an incumbent.

### OFFICERS

Governor – Reed Kneale\*  
Deputy Governor – Debra G. Miller, Ed.D (c)\*  
Secretary – Laura L. Tyndall\*  
Assistant Secretary – Pam Palchowski\*  
Treasurer – Scott C. Bond\*  
Assistant Treasurer – Judi Biederman\*  
Co-Historian – Ginny Fossa\*  
Co-Historian – Christine Remley, Ph.D\*  
Co-Historian – Cinda Hartman  
Registrar – Pamela A. Kolyer\*  
Asst. Registrar – Sue Henning\*  
Membership Officer – Nancy Larsen, Ph.D  
Elder – Jim Buckner\*  
Captain – Keith Kammenzind\*  
Counselor – Thomas R. Kellogg, Esq.\*  
Surgeon – Dr. Ronald Simonsen\*

### ASSISTANTS

Term Expiring April 2021: Todd Geisinger, Lois E. Howanec\*, Sharyn Davis\*  
Term Expiring April 2022: Cynthia Jordan\*, Debbie Markowitz \*, Melanie Lynagh \*  
Term Expiring April 2023: Adam Biedrzycki, Lauren Klein, Brian Atwood

\*\*\*\*\*Any additional nominations may be delivered to the Secretary Laura Tyndall at:

929 S High St, Suite 135 West Chester, PA 19382, at least one week prior to the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV Election of Officers.

## REMINDER TO MEMBERS:

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SMDPA needs your help!

As we have been collecting 2020 dues, it has become apparent that donations are down nearly 99%! We think it is because many of you have taken advantage of our exciting new online payment option to pay your dues. We are gratified with the speed and ease of the online payment facility, however the electronic form did not offer people the opportunity to make the donations that have always been a part of our dues collection process and are critically important to many SMDPA functions.

In addition to your dues, please consider making a further tax-deductible donation, which you can designate to be used for:

Unrestricted Funds, to be used as needed

Education—Classroom Visits

Katherine F. Little Distinguished Achievement Award

Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award

Please make your donation check payable to “SMDPA” and mail it to:

SMDPA - Attn: Assistant Treasurer

929 S. High St., Suite 135

West Chester, PA 19382

Dues are still being collected, if you have not paid your dues, please send your dues in as soon as possible. You may include both dues and donation in your payment!

If you cannot find your invoice or have any questions, please contact Judi Biederman, 215-493-3484, [smdpa-asst\\_treasurer@sail1620.org](mailto:smdpa-asst_treasurer@sail1620.org).

For those who do not have an email address on file – please provide one to Judi so that we can communicate with you. Thank you for your support!

If you would still like to make a tax deductible, on-line donation, just go to [WWW.SAIL1620.ORG](http://WWW.SAIL1620.ORG), Click “STORE” in the header, and “DONATE”. It is easy, and you do not need to log in to do it.

Any questions, please contact Assistant Treasurer Judi Biederman at the above address, via e-mail at [smdpa-asst\\_treasurer@sail1620.org](mailto:smdpa-asst_treasurer@sail1620.org), or by phone at 215-493-3484.

## SMDPA LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

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Note: Effective January 1, 2020, the price of each plate has increased.

Standard serialized plates will be \$43.00 and personalized plates will be \$151.00.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SMDPA) is pleased to offer a special way to recognize your membership in the Society, through a PennDOT Organization license plate made especially for SMDPA members!

Instructions and the PennDOT Application form can be viewed/printed or downloaded from our web site. [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org)

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*** - The application form must be printed and completed with an original signature and mailed to the address indicated on the form. A single check for total payment made to “SMDPA” for the entire amount must be enclosed with the application. (SMDPA will manage the payment to PennDOT). Thank you.

Please contact us at [SMDPA-License@Sail1620.org](mailto:SMDPA-License@Sail1620.org) if you have any questions.





*SMDPA Commemorative Coin \$15.00*

SMDPA commemorative Mayflower coin is die-struck in solid brass, with fine detail and vivid colors. The front features the Mayflower sailing on a cobalt blue sea and is captioned “PLYMOUTH 1620”. The reverse features a Pilgrim couple relief surrounded by the caption “PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS 2012.”

Measures 1½” in diameter. ALL proceeds benefit the SMDPA Education program.

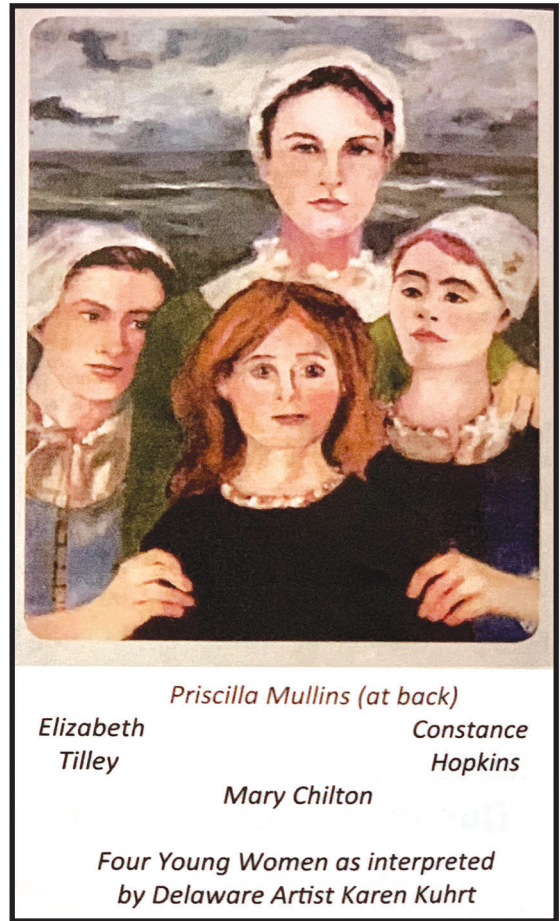


*Large Zippered Boat Tote \$32.00*

Mayflower descendant labeled tote bag made from 600-denier polyester. It is a classic extra large tote with a zipper closure. It has an inside zippered valuables pocket, and also has an outside pocket for easy organization. The bag has a contrasting gusset bottom with matching fabric handles.

Please click on the website to shop the many items that are for sale at the store. It is easy to shop and the secure check out is super simple.

At the Annual Meeting of our SMDPA on April 18th, there will be a Silent Auction. The highest bidder will be the winner of this amazing painting by artist Karen Kuhrt. The artist has shown her interpretation of Mary Chilton (front), Elizabeth Tilley (left), Priscilla Mullins (back), and Constance Hopkins (right). This piece of art would be a true treasure for any Mayflower Descendant. Good luck!



*Priscilla Mullins (at back)*  
*Elizabeth Tilley*                      *Constance Hopkins*  
*Mary Chilton*  
*Four Young Women as interpreted by Delaware Artist Karen Kuhrt*



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**April 8** – Last day to RSVP for April 18 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

**TBA** – Training and In-service Session (TIS)

**April 18** – Annual Meeting at Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, PA 19041

**May 2** – Susquehanna Colony Spring Meeting at Country Cupboard in Lewisburg

**May 16** – Western Colony Spring Meeting at Edgeworth Club in Sewickley, PA

**June 7** – Haverford Heritage Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**June 25** – Crafton Celebrates parade at 6:30 p.m. in Crafton, PA 15205

**June 28** – DreamRide 2020 – Fairmont Park near “The Pilgrim Statue” at 3:00 p.m. for a  
Reception for the riders and directors. More information to follow.

**Nov 22** – 2020 Annual Thanksgiving Service at 2:00 p.m. to be held at St. David’s  
Episcopal Church. Wayne, PA.