

# The Pennsylvania Mayflower

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## Darvin L. Martin to discuss DNA & Genealogy at SMDPA's Annual Meeting on April 14, 2018

Darvin L. Martin began to construct his own family tree by the age of ten, and at that time could not have even dreamed about the future ways science would enable us to connect everyone into a world family tree. Always passionate about history, particularly local history not found in common textbooks, Martin blended a career of scientific research with the pursuit of his own ancestry, seeking to determine the cultural, religious and societal norms that shaped the choices of his forebears. Martin has degrees in both agriculture and analytical chemistry, a combination which oriented his interests towards scientific instrumentation, eventually leading him to the Swiss homeland of his ancestors. For the last decade Martin has worked in product management and technical sales for two separate Swiss companies focused in the agricultural, environmental and pharmaceutical industries. He has also chaired the Lancaster Family History Conference since 2003.

Martin first embraced the idea of using DNA to trace family history while reading Brian Sykes' book, *The Seven Daughters of Eve*, in 2002. During his second year of chairing the Lancaster Family History Conference, Martin invited noted genealogist Megan Smolenyak to describe the upcoming world of DNA analysis and how this applies to family history. Soon after, Martin began his own epic DNA journey. Eventually the time would appear when anyone could quickly, with little cost, find a genetic connection to anyone else on the planet. That time has now descended upon us as more and more people have decided to look within their own bodies to expand their genealogies beyond the standard paper trail. Martin

initiated a DNA pilot project through the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society in October 2010, which has currently tested over 300 individuals and is providing the basis for specifically constructing family lineages from before the time of surnames. The project includes the gamut of human diversity across the globe and is open to everyone.

Martin will outline some of the findings from this project, as well as looking into the variation of DNA found within descendants of the Mayflower pioneers and other early American pioneers, and those who lived here even earlier—the Native Americans. Martin will describe which tests to take (depending on your interest), how to get tested and how to interpret results.

This event has limited seating, please refer to page 15 for reservations. The meeting will be held at the Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford, PA 19041.





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## From the Governor's Desk

Hello members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

As you are aware, before the Mayflower Compact, former charters of freedom, notably the Magna Carta and the English Bill of Rights, were efforts to gain rights from powerful monarchs.



The Mayflower Compact was different. It was the first document to portray power being vested in its people as the Mayflower Pilgrims first acknowledged that the source of power comes from within. In so doing, the Mayflower Pilgrims first established popular constitutional liberty.

The signing of the Mayflower Compact has been studied, praised and held in the highest esteem throughout the world for centuries - as if it were a beacon of light illuminating the world. To quote John Quincy Adams, "the Mayflower Compact is perhaps the only instance in human history of that positive, original social compact, which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government."

We will continue to carry high this torch of truth and spread our educational mission throughout the entire Commonwealth as we sail forward together.

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting and Tea on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, PA at 11 AM. I look forward to seeing you all. I guarantee you will enjoy the annual meeting, our planned festivities and learning more about the "Mayflower Compact Signing."

Thank you for your membership and involvement and I look forward to meeting you. There is no history like our history. We are blessed and fortunate to host a very important role in America because "We Are Thanksgiving."

Blessings,  
Peter M. Adams, Governor

## SMDPA Officers & Assistants Slate 2018-2019

The Nominating Committee Chair Joan Reed Miller and committee members Dr. Robert Heinsohn, Dorothy Lees, and Debra Georgantis-Miller submit the following slate of Officers and Assistants to be considered for election at our Society's Annual Meeting on April 14, 2018. An asterisk (\*) signifies incumbent.

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 James Buckner\*  
 Peter Dustin\*  
 Cathy Smith\*  
 Term Expiring April 2020:  
 Sue Henning\*  
 Daniel Lute\*  
 Sharyn Davis\*  
 Term Expiring April 2021:  
 George Wilcox  
 Bruce Miller  
 Judi Biederman

Any additional nominations may be delivered to the SMDPA secretary, Christine Hoffman, at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2. Christine Hoffman, SMDPA Secretary, 457 South Saddlebrook Circle, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

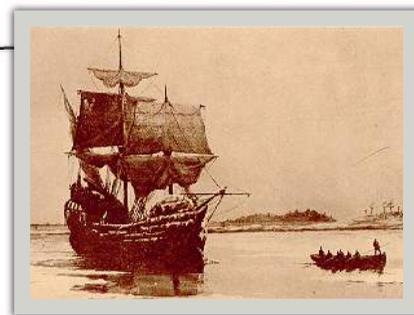
Phone: 484-653-8610 or email: [pasmdsec@yahoo.com](mailto:pasmdsec@yahoo.com) or [tinaandgarrett@comcast.net](mailto:tinaandgarrett@comcast.net)

## Junior Corner

Juniors let's get together to learn about your ancestry and to have fun! We know how busy you all are, but we would love to hear from you with your ideas, thoughts and interests. Current Committee program ideas:

**For 21 and over:** a meet and greet, sporting event or a concert, a run or walk for a charity or cause?

**For our younger juniors:** visits to a colonial plantation for a step back in time; Winterthur for an Enchanted Summer Day on June 16th includes story telling, games, musicians and face painting; Winterthur Truck and Tractor Day on Oct. 6th includes hayrides, arts and crafts, tractors and fire trucks? Let us know what interests YOU! The Junior Committee: Debby Markowitz - [dwinmarkowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:dwinmarkowitz@yahoo.com), Cathy Smith-[oxsmith@verizon.net](mailto:oxsmith@verizon.net), Sue Henning-[suehenning63@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning63@gmail.com)



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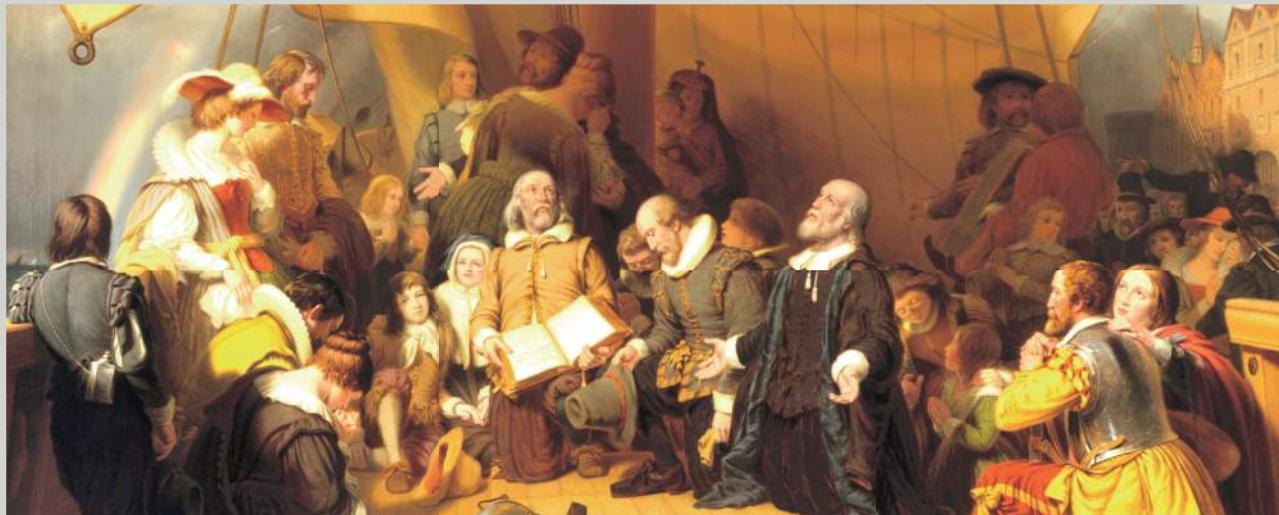
## 2018 Committees

### WE WANT YOU!

Would you like to participate in one of SMDPA's committees? A great way to meet people and become more involved. If interested, please contact our Nominating Chair, Joan Miller at [reedmiller107@yahoo.com](mailto:reedmiller107@yahoo.com). The following committees are looking for members:

Annual Dues	Parliamentarian & By-Laws
Archive	Pink Book Member Directory Update
Audit	Publicity/Community Relations
Education/Scholarship	Sales
Finance	Social Events
Junior Membership	Social Media
Membership	Thanksgiving
Newsletter	Webmaster
Nominating	

Look forward to meeting you soon!



*Embarkation of the Pilgrims from Delfthaven Holland*, By Robert Walter Weir (1843)

## *Welcome Our New Members*

- Stephen Dale Dargitz - 13th generation descent from John Billington  
Richard Arland Brewster - 13th generation descent from William Brewster  
Norbert Wade Geer - 11th generation descent from Stephen Hopkins  
Keith Clayton Quimbach - 12th generation descent from George Scule  
Joyce Helen (Reese) Hentschel - 14th generation descent from Stephen Hopkins  
James Richard Holt, Jr. - 12th generation descent from John Alden  
Cynthia Mae (Weber) Fluder - 13th generation descent from John Howland  
Heather Louise Horton - 13th generation descent from Francis Cooke  
Thomas Earle Brown - 12th generation descent from George Soue  
Margaret Ellen (Slater) Lerch - 12th generation descent from John Aden  
Gayla Jacque McCluskey - 13th generation descent from William White  
Judith Louise (Duncan) Diehl - 14th generation descent from Francis Cooke

## *In Memoriam*

- William Bradford Ritter (Member since 1951) - descent from William Eradford  
Robert Stevens Fuller (Member since 1976) - descent from William Bradford  
Thomas Nason Chandler (Member since 1978) - descent from John Howland  
Robert Lindley Gifford Jr. (Member since 1980) - descent from William White  
John Thomas Decker (Member since 1991) - descent from William Brewster  
Robert Edgar Garland (Member since 2010) - descent from Stephen Hopkins  
Arlene Rainelli (Member since 1992) - descent from Stephen Hopkins



Plymouth Plantation

## *Congratulations on Supplemental Application Approval*

G. Brian Smith - 12th generation descent from Edward Doty

Suanne (Cushman) Harns - 12th generation descent from Myles Standish

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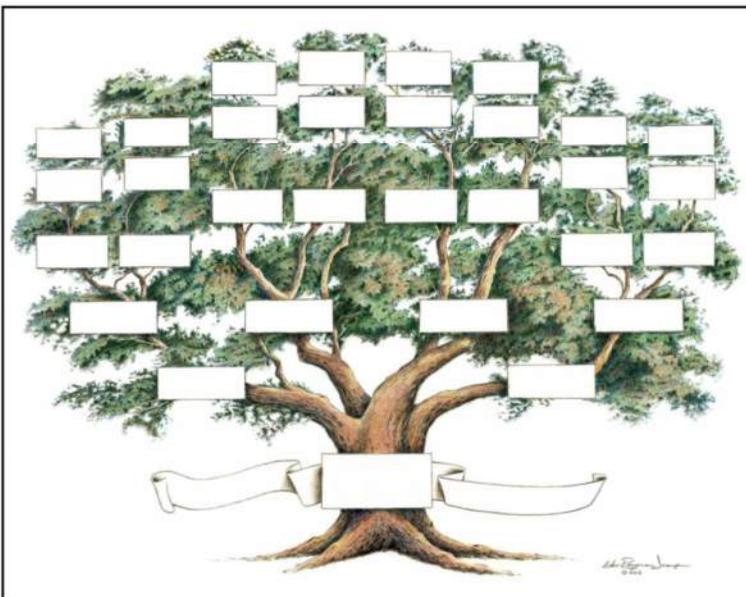
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Interested in proving additional Mayflower lines?

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has partnered with General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSM'D) to provide a search-able database created from the GSMD "Silver Books". Known for their distinctive silver covers, *The Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* series meticulously documents the first five generations of descendants of the Mayflower passengers that arrived in 1620. This essential resource has previously been accessible only in print format. As a result of this partnership, the fifth generation portion of these will be available online on AmericanAncestors.org for use in family history research by members of both organizations.

<https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/mayflower-research-databases>

## GSMD News - Meetinghouse

Since the Mayflower Pilgrims' first Meetinghouse was built at the top of Leyden Street in Plymouth, MA in 1621, a place of spiritual ministry has continued to this day. Presently, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Plymouth worships at this centerpiece of the Plymouth, MA cultural district.

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is the fifth spiritual structure built on this location and, in 2014, was added to both the National Register of Historic Places and the List of Massachusetts' Most Endangered Resources. When the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) became aware that the congregation was having trouble with the increasing maintenance and restoration of the building, it approached the congregation about donating the Meetinghouse to GSMD as a place to fulfill its educational mission.

Since the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was founded in 1897, the same year the present structure was built at the top of Leyden Street, families of descendants – our families – have made regular pilgrimages to this spot. In fact, our Member Societies have helped to furnish this structure with Tiffany stained-glass windows from the New York and New Jersey Societies, objects in the sanctuary from Rhode Island, as well as many other contributions through the years.

To save the building they love, the First Parish Church congregation has agreed to donate it to GSMD upon the condition that funds be put in place to permanently maintain it, and that they be allowed to continue scheduling their services there.

Along with the Meetinghouse, GSMD will be given all the church records from modern times back to 1620, written by William Bradford, William Brewster, Robert Cushman, and many others. There are references and stories of our Mayflower ancestors going back to Leiden, information that simply must be curated and properly maintained permanently. There is no group better to do this than the actual descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims!

Our decision to restore the building and create a fund to support this beautiful structure and its records will be one of the most important legacies



*The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse*



*The GSMD and First Parish Church signed a Joint Venture Agreement*

of The Mayflower Society. The First Parish Church and GSMD have created a Charitable Trust that will place the deed to the Meetinghouse into the trust. Upon raising \$3,000,000, First Parish Church will resign from the trust leaving the deed to our society, making GSMD the new owner responsible for restoring and preserving this memorial to our ancestors.

We have been given until September of 2020 to raise \$3,000,000 but our responsibility to finance and care for the Meetinghouse will continue. The congregation chose our society because they knew we would show the same love and reverence they feel toward this spiritual place. They know we will not let the Mayflower Pilgrim story be forgotten. As our center of education, GSMD will bring the world to the Meetinghouse, the very place where the Mayflower Pilgrims built their life on this continent.

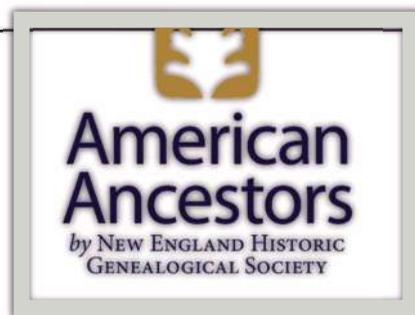
GSMD has created two ways to donate to the Meetinghouse project. Individually or through Member Societies, donors may choose to give to the restoration of the building or the preservation of the building. Here are the two differences:

**Restoration:** These funds will go into the Charitable Trust we have created. GSMD has agreed that should we not raise \$3,000,000 by 2020, we have the option of not accepting the donation of the Meetinghouse from the First Parish congregation. All monies in this trust, should that happen, will still be used to restore the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. None of this money will go to the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church and can only legally be used to restore the Meetinghouse. Please note, however, that all plans and efforts being made are for the acceptance of the building donation and its records, and GSMD fully expects to raise the necessary funds.

**Preservation:** These funds will go into a GSMD Endowment fund for the maintenance and operation of the Meetinghouse once it is ours. We will draw a percentage of this endowment each year, just as we do our other endowment funds, to maintain and operate the Meetinghouse as our Education Center. Should we not accept the Meetinghouse donation, these funds will stay with GSMD.

Together, we will create a legacy for 2020 that will have a lasting effect on preserving the story and the records of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Thanks so much for all you are doing to help!

-GSMD Press Release



*The General Society of  
Mayflower Descendants*

### *NEHGS Membership*

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is pleased to partner with the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) to offer you special discounted rates on NEHGS membership. If you are joining NEHGS for the first time, you will also receive a free, 15-minute consultation with a genealogist to help you get started.

You can redeem your exclusive offer over the phone by calling the NEHGS Member Services Team at 888-296-3447 (choose option 1). Be sure to have your 5-digit General Society number at hand so that your membership can be verified.

You can also redeem this offer online by clicking below. If you are joining NEHGS as a new member, click "Join" below to start your membership.

<https://shop.americanancestors.org>



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*2018 Dues Reminder*

If you have not done so, please pay your 2018 Annual Dues! Dues are \$40.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for Junior members (does not include Regular Junior Members). Life and Emeritus members owe no dues.

We encourage members to make additional contributions to the SMDPA program(s) listed on the form. Please note, all contributions are tax deductible under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Tax Code.

Please pay your dues promptly so that our Society's financial obligations for scholarship events, newsletters, activities, meetings, library mini-seminars, membership certificates, etc. can continue to be met on a timely basis. Any questions, please contact Scott Bond at:

SMDPA  
Attn: Asst Treasurer  
929 South High St., Suite 135  
West Chester, PA 19382

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



*Pennsylvania Meetings*

April 14, 2018 - Annual Meeting & Tea  
Merion Cricket Club  
325 Montgomery Ave.  
Haverford, PA 19041  
11:00 AM Business Meeting  
12:30 PM Luncheon and Guest Speaker: Darvin L. Martin  
(Refer to Page 15)

June 3, 2018 - Summer Picnic  
Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Festival  
Karakung Drive, Havertown, PA 19083  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Susquehanna Colony Meetings*

May 5, 2018 - Spring Meeting at Country Cupboard, Lewisburg, PA 17837  
11:00 AM Registration & Business Meeting  
12:00 PM Buffet Lunch  
1:00 PM Guest Speaker: John Moore

October 6, 2018 - Fall Meeting Edison Hotel, Sunbury, PA  
Tour of Priestly House following lunch (details to follow)

Contact: Susquehanna Colony Governor, Daniel Lute at: [dglute@verizon.net](mailto:dglute@verizon.net)

*Western Colony Meetings*

May 19, 2018 - Spring Meeting at Edgeworth Club,  
511 East Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143  
12:00 PM Guest Speaker: TBD

2018 Fall Meeting Place & Time TBD

Contact: Western Colony Governor, Lois Lang at: [llangpgh@aol.com](mailto:llangpgh@aol.com)

## Upcoming Events

### **April 14, 2018 - Annual Meeting**

Please join your SMDPA cousins and guests this April for our Annual Meeting at the Merion Cricket Club. Our guest speaker, Darwin Martin, will share some of the findings from his DNA project. This includes variations in DNA found within descendants of the Mayflower. Promptly at 11:00 AM, the Nominating Committee will install the 2018-2019 SMDPA Officers and Board of Assistants. Please join us for this fun and informative event. Refer to page 15 for the reservation form.

### **May 19, 2018 - Family History Conference**

The Centre County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a Family History Conference featuring Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist. The event will be held at the Foxdale Village Auditorium, State College, PA from 9:30 AM-4:00 PM. For more information visit: <https://centrecountygenealogy.org/>

### **June 3, 2018 - Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Festival & SMDPA Summer Picnic**

A favorite springtime event for township residents, the Heritage Festival celebrates local history and culture in the beautiful, natural setting by Cobbs Creek along Karakung Drive. The SMDPA is proud to be sponsoring a table at this event and will also host the summer picnic at the festival. There will be living history exhibits, music, dancing, food and a beer garden featuring craft brews from some of the area's finest microbreweries. There will be local artisans and crafters who will be on hand to display and sell their work. The Heritage Festival takes place on Karakung Drive between Lakeside Drive and Manoa Road in Haverford, PA from 11 AM to 4 PM. Stroll along the drive and enjoy the day with the whole family. Juniors are encouraged to attend to meet and greet their cousins. This year's Heritage Festival promises to be the best yet! If interested in participating at the exhibit table, please contact James Buckner, Education Chair at: [jbuckner51@gmail.com](mailto:jbuckner51@gmail.com)



### *The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

### *2018 Summer Picnic -JR Table*

Over a hundred children made sun visors with a Mayflower theme at the 2017 Heritage Festival in Haverford Township. This year's festival is Sunday, June 3, from 11 AM to 4 PM along Karakung Drive. Come out and join the fun - and/or help us with the craft project. To find out more about the festival and the wide range of activities, music, and food, go to the website at <http://haverfordhistoricalsociety.org/2018-heritage-festival/>

For information about our Juniors table at the festival, please contact Juniors Co-Chair Cathy Smith at 717-316-0127 [oxsmith@verizon.net](mailto:oxsmith@verizon.net)

## Western Colony News

### Fall Meeting

Pennsylvania's Western Colony shared a celebration of Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the stately Oakmont Country Club. We were graciously hosted, once again by Gretchen and Michael Kurzawa. Gretchen is the niece of our longtime member and former Colony Governor, Patricia Hill.

Board member Rev. Charles L. Smith, Jr. opened our November business meeting with this prayer:

O Lord, many of us as children of the Pilgrim Fathers have wandered far inland from the cold banks of New England. Yet we will also be eating turkey this Thanksgiving with birds on our tables far more plump than those of long ago.

We thank You for the protection You gave our forebears in that fiercely cold first winter in Plymouth.

We pray with confidence that You are the same God who will protect us in our own days of uncertainty.

We ask Your blessings on today's preview of family gatherings next week.

We pray that the special bond of kinship that brings us to these tables will remain with us all our days.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We then conducted our November business meeting while enjoying a traditional meal of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, yellow and green beans with carrots, tossed green salad, rolls and butter, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Todd DePastino, is the founder and Executive Director of the Veterans Breakfast Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to gathering veterans of all eras and generations together to share their stories of service. His Ph.D. in American History is from Yale University and he teaches at Waynesburg University. He has authored six books and spoke at our meeting on the very engaging topic of "War Stories from Pittsburgh's World War II Veterans." Using dialog and photographs from veterans living in our region, Dr. DePastino discussed his quest to preserve and to celebrate them. Since 2008, the Veterans Breakfast Club has hosted over 5,000 people at almost 300 storytelling events. In the near future, the club will host a two-week guided tour of Vietnam for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Edgeworth Club. Prospective members and guests are welcome to join this event which includes business meeting, luncheon and a guest speaker. The speaker for the meeting will be announced soon. Further information on the meeting can be obtained by contacting Western Colony Governor, Lois Lang at 412-367-7483 or [llanpgh@aol.com](mailto:llanpgh@aol.com).

-Article by Sara Drodgy, Western Colony Recording Secretary



Western Colony Governor, Lois Lang



Guest Speaker, Todd DePastino



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Sara Fryer Drodgy, Colony Recording Secretary

S. Diane McVicker, Colony Board Member

# Susquehanna Colony News

## Pilgrim John Howland Visits Schools in Lancaster County

On November 17<sup>th</sup> and for the second year in a row, James Buckner, SMDPA Education Chair, donned his period clothing and went to area schools to portray his ancestor, John Howland. Over the course of the morning at the Donegal Primary School, he spoke to all eleven 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes which equated to over 200 students in attendance. In the afternoon, he went to Mount Calvary Christian School and spoke to the second grade class. At both schools, James shared the Pilgrim's history: who they were and how they came about coming to the New World via Holland. He talked about the trip on the Mayflower, how his ancestor came to fall overboard and was rescued. He showed the students an example of ship's biscuit, also called hardtack, which he had made last year. It is still edible, but could break your teeth if you don't soften it up in a liquid first. He also explained how the Pilgrims explored Cape Cod before finally settling in Plimoth, and the help the Pilgrims received from the Native Americans, especially from Samoset and Squanto. He described the hard winter followed by a good harvest and the Harvest Feast which we now celebrate as Thanksgiving. He concluded by showing them a couple of the games the Pilgrim children played and a little about the fur trade.

The students had been studying the Pilgrims in class and were able to answer and ask some very good questions. The teachers were especially appreciative for making "history come alive" for their students. It was another great experience. James enjoys doing this and hopes to do even more in the future.

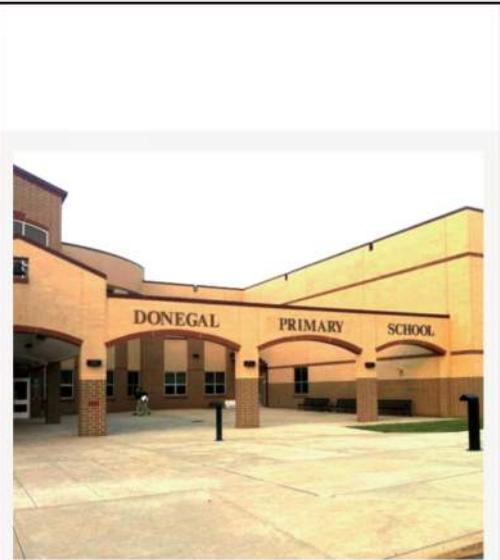
-Article by James Buckner, SMDPA Education Chair

## Spring Meeting

The Susquehanna Colony Spring Meeting will be May 5, 2017 at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg, PA. The guest speaker, John Moore, will provide an presentation on Thomas Edison and Joseph Priestly. We hope you can join us!

Back issues of The Pennsylvania Mayflower Newsletter can be found on the SMDPA website:  
[www.sail1620.org/society/pa-mayflower-newsletter](http://www.sail1620.org/society/pa-mayflower-newsletter)  
Have an article you would like to see in the newsletter? Let us know!  
[smdpacoeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:smdpacoeditor@yahoo.com)

The SMDPA is calling all Juniors!  
The Junior Committee is asking for Juniors interested in participating in upcoming events to please contact Deborah Markowitz at [pasmd2017dwm@yahoo.com](mailto:pasmd2017dwm@yahoo.com)



*Donegal Primary School*



*John Howland falling overboard*



*James Buckner, SMDPA Education Chair, as John Howland*

## SMDPA Thanksgiving Service and Dinner

In commemoration of The First Harvest Festival in Plymouth Colony in 1621, the Annual Worship Service of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was held on November 19, 2017 at Parkside United Church of Christ in Phoenixville, PA. The service began at 2 PM. Following the service, the membership met at the Desmond Hotel to enjoy lively conversation and a festive meal to honor our Pilgrim ancestors.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

#### PRELUDE

CALL TO ASSEMBLY: Governor Peter Adams

BEATING OF THE DRUMS & ENTRANCE OF LEADERS

HYMN No. 721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Judith A. Meier, SMDPA Elder

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ACT OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GREETINGS FROM THE HOST CONGREGATION

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION: Peter Adams, SMDPA Governor

PSALM LXV: James Buckner, SMDPA Education Chair

HYMN "Magyar"

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT: Dr. Ronald Simonsen, SMDPA Surgeon & Christine Hoffman, SMDPA Secretary

READING OF THE NAMES OF THE SIGNERS WITH LINEAL DESCENT: Christine Hoffman, SMDPA Secretary

THE PILGRIM PLEDGE: John Lapham, SMDPA Historian

THE READING OF SCRIPTURES:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18: Reed Kneale, SMDPA Deputy Governor, Membership Chair

2 Corinthians 9:6-16: Sue Henning, SMDPA Junior Committee

The Gospel - Luke 17:11-19: Rev. Dr. F. Russell Mitman

THE EXPOSITION OF THE SCRIPTURE: Rev. Dr. F. Russell Mitman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Jane Ordway Carmen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Rev. Judith A. Meier, SMDPA Elder

READING OF THE NECROLOGY: Pamela Kolyer, SMDPA Registrar

OFFERING: Scott Bond, SMDPA Acting Assistant Treasurer

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST FRUITS AND THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

THE MAYFLOWER HYMN

BENEDICTION: Rev. Judith A. Meier, SMDPA Elder

BEATING OF THE DRUMS AND RECESSIONAL



*Beating of the drums & entrance of leaders*



*Junior Members*



*New members with SMDPA Governor Peter Adams*



*Valerie Cullen, past SMDPA Historian, receiving GSMD award*

## For Health's Sake

What is quality healthcare? Officially, among the group of nations known as the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), it is defined by a comparison of indicators. These compare, for instance, the percentage of the GDP spent for healthcare in each country. Efficiency is inferred when life expectancy and infant mortality, as well as negative influences such as poverty levels, inadequate housing, malnutrition, and limited education become part of the analysis.

Polling in the United States has consistently found that almost everyone feels that equitable and affordable access to quality healthcare is a very important part of one's overall wellbeing. In our medical encounters, we need to have faith that we will get the best care available. These "best" practices are constantly evolving through continuous education and certified maintenance of skills which ensure a level of competency among practitioners.

Even Dr. William Osler, still an esteemed diagnostician from 100 years ago, would have adjusted his methods if he could be transported in time to present day. He would recognize the value of artificial intelligence to assist with predictions, as well as genome analysis to explain disease and open new therapeutic avenues, and all of the innovation in imaging to assist in diagnosis and treatment.

From the time of the ancient Greeks to the present, we have refined medical ethics to include oaths, institutional rules, and laws that form the physician-patient contract. By understanding this relationship, a much more satisfying outcome is possible.

If we could be transported in time to the sick room in Plymouth, I believe the signs of beneficence and justice would be clearly connected to the importance of ethical care in creating trust, and therefore continuity in the community.

May we of the 21<sup>st</sup> century have the strength, goodwill, and wisdom to find happiness, continue our good works, and provide for even higher quality medical care in the future.

-Article by Dr. Ronald Simonsen, SMDPA Surgeon



### *DID YOU KNOW?*

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was organized in 1896 by two Philadelphians, Francis Olcott Allen and Edward Clinton Lee, who were members of the New York Society. The charter was issued on October 14, 1896.

Over the years membership has grown from the original twenty-three in 1896 to 779 members in 2018.

The Pennsylvania Society has chartered three Colonies to help bring its activities to its members who reside outside of the greater Philadelphia area. The Western Colony was chartered in 1944 in the greater Pittsburgh area. The Northwestern Colony followed in the Erie area in 1973 and the Susquehanna Colony is the most recent in the greater Harrisburg area, chartered in 1990. Unfortunately the Northwestern Colony had to be merged with the Western Colony in 2007 when the former became unviable. Colony activities are largely funded through the State Society's annual dues.

The largest number of our members are descendents from John Alden (134).

The fewest number of our members are descendants are from Degory Priest (1).

The majority of our members have been with the Society for ten years or more.

Twenty-five members have been with us for seventy-five years!

Our ship is sailing strong!



# SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

## Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award Application

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of the relative who is an active member of SMDPA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Society # \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to this member: \_\_\_\_\_

High school in Pennsylvania: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities and school honors: \_\_\_\_\_

Community service exclusive of high school honors: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment history: \_\_\_\_\_

College that you plan to attend and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of study and academic plans for the immediate future: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are members of, or directly related to an active member of, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

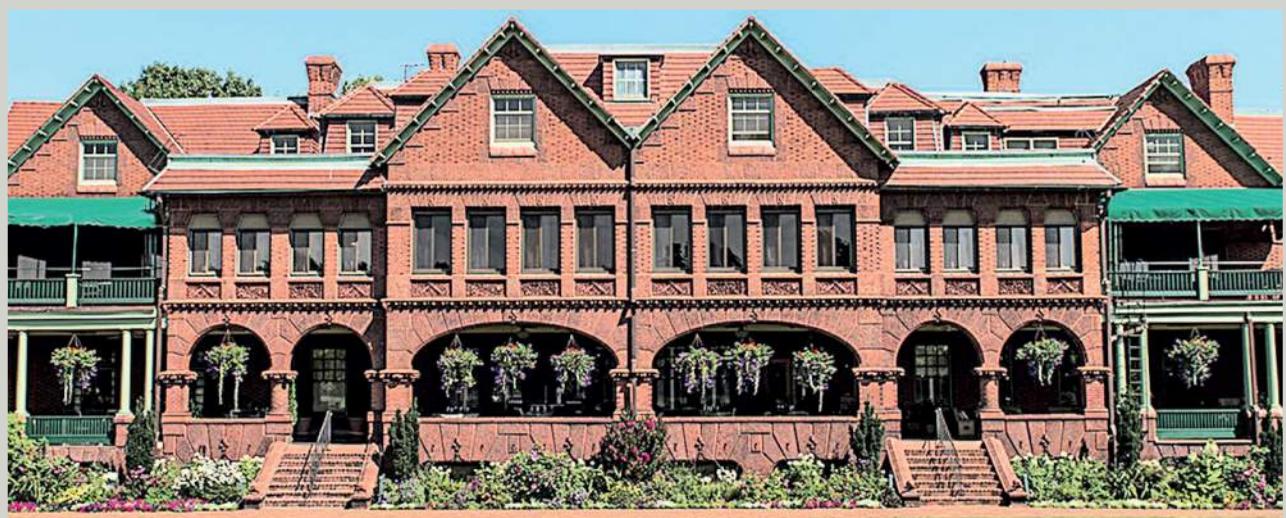
Submit this application along with the following documentation:

1. Official transcript of high school grades with class size and rank by the school counselor on school letterhead.
2. Verification of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
3. Essay of five hundred words on the following topic: What bearing does the government established by the Pilgrims have on the government we have today? Essays will be judged on the following criteria: adherence to the topic, organization, historical accuracy, reasoning, appropriate word choice, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
4. A picture of yourself

Send this application and required documents, postmarked by June 1, 2018 to:

James Buckner  
200 Wild Cherry Lane  
Marietta, PA 17547

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



## Reservation Form 2018 Annual Meeting and Tea

RSVP TO: Deborah Markowitz  
528 Ridge Road  
Spring City, PA 19475  
610-430-6166  
[PASMD2017dwm@yahoo.com](mailto:PASMD2017dwm@yahoo.com)

LOCATION: Merion Cricket Club  
325 Montgomery Ave.  
Haverford, PA 19041

DEADLINE: Sunday, April 8, 2018

CHOICE of ENTREES: -Beef Stroganoff (strips of tenderloin in a creamy mushroom sauce over egg noodles)  
-Atlantic Salmon w/dill beurre blanc sauce

RSVP FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children

TIME: 11:00 AM Business Meeting  
12:30 PM Luncheon with Speaker

MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \$36.00/Adult (cash bar)  
\$15.00/Child (12 years and younger)

GUEST'S NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTED ENTREE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please make checks payable to SMDPA - Mail check with completed form to Deborah Markowitz at address listed above*

Cut Here (keep directions if you need them)

### Directions

**ANNUAL MEETING:** 11:00 AM April 14, 2018 (Luncheon immediately following meeting)  
**ADDRESS:** Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford, PA 19041

**FROM EAST (Philadelphia):** Take I-76W/Schuylkill Expy West approximately 8.5 miles and take exit 337 toward Gladwyne. Turn left onto Hollow Rd/SR 3050. In 1 mile turn right onto PA-23 W/Conshohocken State Rd. In .5 miles, PA-23 goes right; you continue straight onto Mill Creek Rd. In 9/10 mile, make a slight right onto W Old Gulph Rd. In 2/10 mile, turn left onto Mill Creek Rd. In 4/10 mile, turn right onto Grays Lane. In 9/10 miles turn left onto Montgomery Ave. Merion Cricket Club is on the left in 200 ft.

**FROM WEST (Pittsburgh):** Take I-76 E/Harrisburg (portions Toll). Take exit 326 for I-76 E towards US-202/I-476/Philadelphia/Valley Forge. Continue onto I-76 for 3.4 miles and take exit 330 for PA 320 toward Gulph Mills. Turn right onto PA-320. In 1.9 miles, continue onto Montgomery Ave. In 2.6 miles, the Merion Cricket Club will be on your left.

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TO RECALL AND CHERISH THE SACRIFICES AND STRUGGLES MADE BY THEM FOR THE  
COMMON GOOD;  
TO STUDY THEIR LIVES, DEEDS, FAITH, COURAGE, AND CHARACTER; TO DRAW  
INSPIRATIONS THERE FROM;  
TO EMULATE THEIR SPIRIT TO BE LOYAL TO THE FLAG AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE  
COUNTRY WHOSE FOUNDING WAS SO GREATLY AIDED BY THEIR WORK AND WISDOM;  
TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO DESERVE AND PRESERVE THE HERITAGE, AND  
AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL WAYS TO PROFIT BY THEIR PILGRIM EXAMPLES.