

# The Fuller Society Newsletter

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## Greetings From Your Governor

Greetings Fuller Cousins

The 25<sup>th</sup> Fuller Reunion was a great success, and my husband and I were sorry we could not join you to celebrate this memorable occasion.

For those of you who did not know, my husband had suffered a fracture of the lumbar spine and was in a brace and could not travel. He is still undergoing physical therapy and hopes to graduate from a walker to a cane very soon. Deputy Governor Debbie Yingst agreed to fill in for me, for which I was glad. Thank you Debbie from the bottom of my heart.

The new officers were installed at the meeting in Hyannis, MA and they will assume their responsibilities January 1, 2018. I have enjoyed being your governor and I was honored to serve in that capacity. Thank you for that opportunity.

I hope all of you have a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. Hope Santa Claus stuffs your stocking with all sorts of goodies and that you will prepare to attend the meeting next October in Cooperstown, NY. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Enjoy your holidays and God Bless,  
Jane Engleman, Governor



The 25th Annual Business Meeting of the Fuller Society was held at the Cape Codder Resort and Spa in Hyannis, MA on 14 Sep 2017.

Deputy Governor Deb Yingst welcomed everyone and John Kemp gave the opening prayer.

Governor Jane Engleman's Message: Twenty Seventeen is a very special year for the Fuller Society as they celebrate 25 years in being. Mary Lee Merrill began the Fuller Society after beginning the Doty Society. We thank Mary Lee as we head for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrims landing in Plymouth, MA. I have not been available to attend this reunion nor the last. It has not been that I did not want to, but health issues prevented my attendance. Last year for the Gettysburg reunion, I was to have hip replacement, but then lung cancer was found and grounded me. This year my husband Harry is wearing a back brace due to a fracture in his lumbar spine. He has lost 26 pounds since November 2016 and is very weak. Our thoughts are with you all as you celebrate. We do have some nice things planned for this reunion. The Pizza party out on the deck of the Cape Codder should be a gala event. Greeting your cousins for a return time or for the first time will be memorable. Our banquet will follow and Lew Taylor will speak about Mercy Otis Warren who was born in West Barnstable, MA and was active in the Patriot movement in MA in the 1760's. It promises to be a very informative program. On Friday a fun day is planned with an hour cruise from Hyannis, MA to Nantucket Island. There will be a sightseeing trip around the island. Time to enjoy a lunch on the island and then a cruise back to Hyannis. It promises to be a fun day and bonding with your cousins. I hope that the new Officers will enjoy their term as much as I have. Although I have not been able to participate in everything, I have enjoyed preparing for all those who could. Good luck to the new Officers and I know the membership will back them. Minutes: A motion was made by John Kemp and seconded by Kathy Dugas to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, PA. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Linda Hoffman reported there are a total of 241 members consisting of 163 regular and 78 life and that as of 8 October 2016 there have been 25 new members and 13 reinstated. She noted that 19 members were dropped in 2017, which is down from last year, most likely due in part to the Society now accepting PayPal for dues through the

website. Linda also reported that she has begun contacting delinquent members in June and again in August in an effort to avoid those members from being dropped.

Treasurer Report: Marcia Shaw presented the Treasurer's report which shows the total equity for the Society is \$22, 998.06. Marcia stated that the Society is doing well financially and is slightly ahead of where it was last year at this time. John Kemp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Marti Kemp seconded. Motion approved.

Junior Chair Report: Roxy Pemrick reported that the Society has a total of 50 Juniors as of 13 September 2017. There are 5 new members since our last annual meeting in October 2016. She also reported she sent a letter with a copy of the Fuller Scholarship Award Application to 6 Juniors who were seniors in High School and turned 18 this year. 4 of those Juniors wrote essays for the Scholarship. She will put an article in the newsletter to encourage parents and grandparents to purchase a junior membership as a gift.

Scholarship Chair Report: Kay Walsh reported that the Scholarship committee consisted of John Yingst, Jane Keys, Linda Hoffman, Roxy Pemrick, Larry Shaw and Kay Walsh (Chairman). Roxy Pemrick excused herself from evaluating the essays this year because several of her grandchildren submitted essays. The topic of the 2017 essay was, "The Mayflower Compact is often called the foundation of the U.S. Constitution. Discuss the areas in the Compact that are foundational to our current Constitution. How does the Mayflower Compact impact our lives today?" Our first place winner was Mackenzie Turrisi (daughter of Fuller Society member Kristine Serwinski) and received \$1000. Second place went to Grant Buennemeyer (grandson of Fuller Society members John and Marti Kemp) and received \$620.

Deputy Governor's Report: Deputy Governor Yingst reported that the annual report for Maine was filed on 13 April 2017 and the IRS Form 990 was filed on 6 Mar 2017. She also stated she has had requests for 13 Edward Fuller lineage CD's, 4 more than last year, and 4 Samuel Fuller CD's, and that having PayPal on the website is working out well. She will be posting the newsletters on a members password protected page on the website [www.thefullersociety.org](http://www.thefullersociety.org). Information will be in the November newsletter.

DG Yingst noted the board approved lowering the price of the lineage information to \$10 if it is emailed, and keeping the price at \$15 if the requestor wished it to be mailed to them. Deputy Governor Yingst reported that the Board of Assistants voted and passed the following motions:

- By-law change: Article 4, section 2 – to remove “just prior to the Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants” to now read **“Election of these seven officers (Historian and Webmaster excluded) shall be at the Triennial meeting of the Society, which is held in Plymouth or within a 100 mile radius of Plymouth. The newly elected officers shall assume their three year terms on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following their election. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by Article V of these By-Laws.”**
- To add an additional Assistant to the Board of Assistants, allowing for the Scholarship and Junior Chairs to become voting members of the BOA.
- A donation of \$250 to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to have our information on their website’s GSMD Family Societies page. They will supply newly approved Fuller applicants with our Societies information.
- A donation of \$125 will be sent to the Samuel Fuller School in Middleborough, Ma. A donation of \$125 will be sent to Plimoth Plantation earmarked for the restoration of the Mayflower II.
- The 2018 Annual meeting will be held in Cooperstown, NY.

A motion was made by Kathy Dugas and seconded by Linda Hoffman to accept the motions of the Board of Assistants. Motion passed.

Audit report: John Kemp conducted an audit of The Fuller Society financial records for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. He examined the total revenue and expense transactions and statements on Treasurer Marcia Shaw’s computer which were also distributed to the Board and members. Since the records were being examined mid-year, the summary profit and loss reports included both a report of the complete 2016 year and a report of the activity from January 1 through July 31, 2017. The income report showed 2016 receipts at \$9655.34 and 2017 (Jan through Jul) at \$2495.83.

The difference between the two years being that none of the Annual meeting receipts had been reported as of 31 Jul 2017. The final total receipts for 2017 will be less than in 2016 because the expense of the 2016 Annual meeting was larger. This will also result in a difference in expenses since the receipts and expenditures for the Annual meeting are calculated to balance out. The expense report included payment for business and operating expenses which totaled \$8313.70 for 2016, but will be less for 2017 due to the cost of the 2017 Annual meeting being less. Since the profit/loss for 2017 cannot be determined until December 2017, and examination of comparable times between the two years shows that without any unexpected large expenses, the receipts should be sufficient to cover all the expenses. After a careful examination of the financial records, John Kemp reported that the records are in good order and all transactions are well documented. John also stated he had no questions or concerns about the financial records and that Treasurer Marcia Shaw should be commended for the accuracy, thoroughness and clarity of the records.

Nominating Committee Report: Committee Chair, Lawrence Shaw, submitted the following report: The nominating committee, Jane Keys, John Yingst and Lawrence Shaw have selected the following nominees for the offices indicated with the terms of the office beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020. Governor – Deb Yingst, Deputy Governor – Kathy Dugas, Secretary – Linda Hoffman, Treasurer – Marcia Shaw, First Assistant – William Wenzel, Second Assistant – John Kemp, Third Assistant – Kim Skellie

The nominating committee would like to thank these people for their willingness to fill these offices and hope that they will derive much enjoyment therefrom. Also, special thanks to Jane Engleman and Jane Keys who have served us well as Governor and Assistant respectively, and who will be completing their terms at the end of this year.

Deputy Governor Yingst nominated Roxy Pemrick as the Fourth Assistant, Roxy accepted the nomination. DG Yingst asked if there were any other nominations from the floor, there being none, a motion was made by Skip Hottinger to approve the slate of Officers and seconded by John Yingst. Motion passed. Ellie Lienau swore in the new Officers.

A motion was made by John Yingst and seconded by Marilyn Hottinger to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

# *Annual Meeting Memories 2017*



The Fuller Society at the Sturgis (Lothrop) Library in Barnstable, MA



**It is not too early to start thinking about next year's 26th Annual Fuller Society Meeting which will be held in Cooperstown, NY. The dates are 10—13 October. We plan to visit the Farmer's Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum and the Fly Creek Cider Mill.**

**Maybe even a ghost tour! Member meeting and closing dinner at the Otesaga Resort Hotel. Come spend some time with your cousins!**



# *More Annual Meeting Memories* **2017**

2018—2020 Fuller Society Officers and Assistants



L to R: Roxy Pemrick, Kimberly Skellie, Marcia Shaw, Deb Yingst, Linda Hoffman, John Kemp and Kathy Dugas. Not pictured—William Wenzel.



The Fuller Society on Nantucket, MA



Photos by Fred Swegles and John Yingst

## Foundations of the Future

By Mackenzie Turrisi

Little did they know it when they first began writing, but the Mayflower Compact would be the foundation of the future of the USA which would be later spearheaded by the US Constitution. Three parts of the Mayflower Compact that are foundational to the US Constitution are the ideas of governance, representatives and bringing all those who agree in the stand-ings of the document together.

When the pilgrims created the Mayflower Compact, they were a whole ocean away from their current king, eventually making it nearly impossible for him to rule over them. This distance made it crucial that the Mayflower Compact address the idea of self-governance. This self-governance is ad-dressed in the second stanza. The pilgrims understood the idea that I have first addressed. Almost one hundred and seventy years later the founding fathers of the US would write the Constitution which addressed the laws and ideas that would govern the country that was paving the way to it's future. Similar concepts drove both sets of courageous men to create such courageous documents. These intertwined ideas would be the root of independence that drives this country. These men knew that in order to bring the most prosperity to the group of people they were responsible, this would then cause them to write the two influential documents.

Another piece of the Mayflower Compact that would be largely influential to the Constitution and our country as a whole would be elected officials. The Compact states that at meeting that are convenient and for the best of the whole colony, offices will be decided. The important aspect of this statement is that it is best for the whole colony.

Even though it initially means that the meetings will be made for convenience of the colony, it is not hard to imagine that the matters decided at the meeting would also apply the concept. This also applies to many crucial elements in the Constitution, like the fact that every state and citizen has a right to representation. These elected officials are meant to represent and speak for their people as best as possible, and only through this system are the citizens to reach justice. This concept originally sought



after by the pilgrims, and later applied by the founding fathers, is an action that can be seen every day through our current legislature and executive system. Without this original idea from the pilgrims back in the 17th century, this foundation of ideas may not have been applied in the Constitution in the 18th century and have been carried up until the present.

United. We the people are a united group of people that have banded together to make a better life for ourselves and our generations. We are made up of all sorts of races, sexualities, ages, lifestyles and cultures. We have come together for the greater good of all hoping to bring the greater good to all. The Mayflower Compact not only set rules and guidelines for the colonists to follow, but brought them all together as one unified group of people from all walks of life. These people had no choice but to accept their differences and work together to become one in order to survive. Of course there would be feuds and cultural contrasts, but that would not matter anymore because they would have to work together to thrive in their new home. This idea is what the United States of America stands for and will always stand for; overcoming differences for the good of all. The pilgrims created this idea for their new home out of need, but our founding fathers took this idea and applied to the developing American culture as virtue, to live up to that is intertwined into every sentence of the Constitution. Coming together over differences of the heart and soul of the American people and that will never change, thanks to our original found fathers, the pilgrims.

Throughout our world today we see concepts and ideas that are woven so deeply into our country's values that we cannot imagine anything different, these ideas originated with the brave English men, women and children that first ventured to the Americas to start colonies. These virtues are self – government, agreed upon representation and unification of the people. Without these morals our country would not be what it is today; everything it stands for stems from one of these three ideas.

**Congratulations to our 2017 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship winner, Mackenzie Turrisi, a descendant of Edward Fuller. She is a GSMD member and daughter of Kristine Serwinski.**



**Go Green!**  
**Help your Society save \$\$\$\$**  
**and**  
**Keep the dues at \$10.00!**

If you are still receiving our newsletters through the U. S. Mail, please consider receiving future newsletters via email or access them on the web site.

The newsletter is more interesting in color!

Do you have an article to submit for the newsletter?

Would you like to share a story about one of your Fuller ancestors or your Pilgrim experience?

Send an email to the Editor at FullerSociety@aol.com to remove your name from the mailing list or to submit an article for future publication.



**[www.thefullersociety.org](http://www.thefullersociety.org)**

Have you visited the Fuller Society website yet?

The Members Only page password is: Redenhall.

The current newsletter will be posted on this page.

# Junior Members

**Christmas is just around the corner!**

**Are you looking for an idea for your children or grandchildren for Christmas? Our Junior membership is a one time payment of \$10.00.**

**New Junior members will receive a packet of facts and games about the Mayflower.**

**Junior membership is for ages 0 –18.  
At age 18, adult membership may be obtained.**

**Please send check payable to “The Fuller Society” or pay on our web site.**

**Send the name of the child, birthdate and expected year of high school graduation to:**

**Roxy Pemrick**

**17 Cottage St, Greenwich, NY 12834.**

**Happy Holidays!**



# Welcome New Members!

Jacqueline Lund—Youngsville, LA

Pamela Snyder—Pawley's Island, SC

William Kaelin—Fleming Island, FL

Teresa Day-Smith—Blytheville, AR

Stephen Briggs—Hyannis, MA

Margaret Brann—Atlanta, GA

Linda Resau—Leland, NC

Josephine Bero—Chatham, MA

Barbara Clayton—Raymond, IL

Florence Stevenson—Nokomis, IL

Iris Eriksen—Dows, IA

Marakay Rogers—York, PA

Samantha Peel—Wahiawa, HI

Cecile Torbergsen—Slidell, LA

Carl Remley—Alton, NH

Nola Hall—Clarkston, MI

Patricia Archer—Richmond, VA

Ellen Nicoll—Syosset NY