

# The Fuller Society Newsletter

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## Greetings From Your Governor

The Fuller Society Annual Meeting in Cooperstown NY was a delightful event! Despite the rain, which we now expect during our annual meeting, all had a good time. From the opening dinner at Nicoletta's to the Ghost Tour, the Fly Creek Cider Mill, the food and beer at Council Rock and Ommegang Breweries, the Fenimore Art Museum, the Empire State Carousel at the Farmer's Museum and the banquet at the beautiful Otesaga Resort Hotel we shared so much fun together!

I do hope that many of you will consider coming to Philadelphia, PA in October 2019. There will be much history and fun times to be shared with your Fuller cousins.

The 2020 Fuller Society meeting will be held in Scituate, MA in September 2020 following the Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Scituate is about 22 miles from Plymouth and is where Samuel Fuller and Jane Lothrop were married.

Please encourage any high school seniors in your family to apply for the Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship this year. The details will be in the March newsletter.

Exciting times are coming! The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of our pilgrim ancestors on the ship Mayflower will be an event to be celebrated and commemorated by us all.

A wonderful Thanksgiving to all! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year too!

Governor Debbie

The 26th Annual Business Meeting of the Fuller Society was held at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, NY on 13 Oct 2018.

Governor Deb Yingst welcomed everyone and Bill Wenzel gave the opening prayer.

Governor Yingst stated that it has been a great year for The Fuller Society and looks forward to continuing the partnership with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as the Board of Assistants voted to donate \$250 to the GSMD and be advertised on their website. The BOA also voted to donate \$125 to The Samuel Fuller School, and \$125 to Plimoth Plantation. A motion was made by Skip Hottinger to accept the donations, Ellie Lienau seconded. Motion passed. Governor Deb read an invitation from Harlston England encouraging Fuller descendants to come and visit and participate in the commemoration of the anniversary in 2020 and stated that the 2019 Annual meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA.

Minutes: A motion was made by Ralph Miller and seconded by Skip Hottinger to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting Hyannis Port, MA. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Linda Hoffman reported there are a total of 255 members consisting of 175 regular and 81 life and that as of 8 Sep 2017 there have been 45 new members and 10 reinstated. She also noted that 35 members were dropped in 2018.

Treasurer Report: Marcia Shaw presented the Treasurer's report which shows the total equity for the Society is \$27,392.17 and stated the Society is doing well financially. Skip Hottinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ralph Miller seconded.

Junior Chair Report: Roxy Pemrick reported that the Society has a total of 52 Juniors as of 13 October 2018 encourages all eligible Juniors to apply for the Scholarship in 2019.

Scholarship Chair Report: Kim Skellie submitted her report on the 2018 Scholarship and thanked the committee for work in selecting a winner for the 2018 Scholarship. First place was awarded to Kate Peddicord and second place was awarded to Melanie Fuller.

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

## Proposed By-Law Changes

**Article II. Section 2**—current: To encourage research and publication of the Pilgrim lineage beyond that of the Mayflower Five Generations Book. Initiating professional research and documentation of the Pilgrims and to publish all findings in suitable form.

**Change:** To encourage research and publication of the Pilgrim lineages beyond that of the Mayflower Families Silver Books.

**Article III. Section 2b**—current: Membership in this Society requires a written application and an application fee of \$10.00 (\$5.00 between July 1st and December 31st), which is sent to the Treasurer of the Society.

**Change:** Membership in this Society requires an application which is sent to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Society and an application fee of \$10.00 (\$5.00 between July 1st and December 31st), which is sent to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Society or paid via electronic methods through the Society website.

**Article III. Section 5a**— add “or Secretary” to Members failing to pay dues for the current fiscal year shall be notified by the Treasurer. Add: Inactive members whose dues are in arrears shall be reinstated in a subsequent year upon payment of the current year’s dues and one year’s past dues.

**Section 5b**—current: A regular member in good standing may resign membership by writing a letter of resignation to the Treasurer.

**Change:** A regular member in good standing may resign membership by written notification to the Treasurer or Secretary.

**Article V. Section 1b**—current: Appoint all committee secretaries and chairman, and be an ex-officio member of all committees

**Change:** Appoint all committee chairs, and be an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Section 1g** - current: Assist the Newsletter editor in the preparation for printing of the newsletter in March, July and November.

**Change:** strike “for printing” and add “for distribution”.

**Add Section 1h:** Complete the Annual Report filing for the Charter of the Society as required.

**Section 3**—delete “Corresponding/Recording” preceding “Secretary” and all other occurrences within the document.

**Section 4a.** Delete: Send notices of dues.

**4d current:** Maintain a general treasury account meeting the needs of the budget and an interest bearing account for the deposit of Life memberships, gifts and bequests; these accounts will be named “The Fuller Society”, and bear the names of the Treasurer, Governor and one Assistant.

**Change:** delete “and one Assistant”.

**Add 4g.** Complete yearly required tax filing as required by the IRS.

**Article VIII. Section 1**—current: An Auditing Committee composed of at least two member of the Society shall audit the Treasurer’s accounts and report to the annual meeting.

**Change:** An Auditing Committee appointed by the Governor shall audit the Treasurer’s accounts and report to the annual meeting.

**Section 2**—delete: An England Research Committee shall investigate and research into the pre-1620 life and ancestry of the Mayflower Pilgrims.

**Article IX**—current: Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote, provided that the notice of such amendments is given in the announcement for the Annual Meeting.

**Change:** Amendments to the By-Laws, as approved by the Board of Assistants, may be made at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote.

These changes are recommended by the Board of Assistants. Voting on the changes to the By-Laws will take place at the 2019 Annual Meeting to be held in Philadelphia, PA.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the changes, please feel free to email me at [fullersociety@aol.com](mailto:fullersociety@aol.com). Governor Debbie



## **SOULE KINDRED MAYFLOWER TOUR**

Soule Kindred in America cordially invites interested members of Mayflower Family Societies to join us for a 12 day tour in Europe which follows the path of our Pilgrim ancestors to America. The tour begins in the Netherlands on May 6, 2019, and moves on into England with stops in Leiden, Delfshaven, Harwich, Boston, Worksop, Scrooby, Gainsborough, Droitwich Spa, Worcester, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Southampton, and London. A complete schedule of day by day activities and the details of the tour can be found at [www.ReformationTours.com](http://www.ReformationTours.com) or you can call 618/222-9914 or 800/303-5534 for more information on how to sign up. Reformation Tours is a "Mayflower 400 " Official tour Operator.

\*\* There is still room on this tour if you are interested!



Fuller Society members at the Farmers Museum in Cooperstown, NY at this year's Annual Meeting.

Will you be a part of the fun next year?

Hope to see you in PA in 2019!

# Annual Meeting Memories 2018



Karla and Dennis Rohrbeck at the Farmer's Museum



Bill Wenzel at the Fenimore Art Museum

# ... More Annual Meeting Memories 2018



**Kathy Dugas, Roxy Pemrick, Jane Keys and Kim Skellie on the  
Empire State Carousel at the Farmer's Museum  
(Is that Kay Walsh hiding behind Roxy?!)**



**Where were your ancestors 400 years ago?  
Governor Debbie and Ellie Lienau**

**Congratulations to our  
2018 Bridget Lee Fuller  
Scholarship winners!**

The first place winner was Kate Peddicord, a descendant of Edward Fuller from Buzzards Bay, MA. She is attending McGill University in Montreal Canada.



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The second place winner was Melanie Fuller from Salt Lake City, UT. She is attending Utah State University.

This year's Bridget Lee Fuller scholarship application will be published in the March 2019 newsletter. Please encourage the high school seniors in your family to apply. The total award is \$1620 with at least \$1000 awarded for first place.



## Clara S. Deily - Nov. 29, 1925- July 1, 2018



### Clara and Mary Lee

Clara was a graduate of Temple University with a BS in Accounting. During her business career she had several jobs in accounting and lastly worked as the Corporate Controller at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In retirement Clara believed in volunteerism and put her heart and soul into anything in which she was involved.

I first met Clara at the Fuller Society's organizational meeting in Oct. 1992 at the Sheraton Hotel in Wilmington, DE. Clara volunteered to be our first Treasurer and for many years carried out that duty. She was "my right hand man" so to speak and I valued her opinion. Later Clara served as our Scholarship Chairman.

Clara also served as a Board member and Registrar of the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I valued Clara as a member of the Fuller Society with her many attributes but also as a dear friend.

Mary Lee Merrill

Founder, The Fuller Society

**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: Scituate

The password is the same for all members.

# 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 a check payable to “The Fuller Society”  
or pay on our web site with PayPal.**

**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!

Jennifer Smith—NY

James Fuller—IL

Virginia Sammis—CO

James Gustin , Jr—CO

Michele Gustin—CO

David Knowles—MI

Jacquelline Joiner—AL

Mary Freeland—SC

Charles Fuller—OH

Aubrey Tycer—AL

Karen Ash—ID

Earl Skelton—DC

Jason Reed—TN

Ian Reed—TN

Cherrill Lewis—MA

Michael McGonigle—MA

Kathleen McGonigle—MA

Jason Chastain—FL

Elisabeth Norman—FL