

The Fuller Society Newsletter

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Greetings From Your Governor

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the organization which Mary Lee Merrill began, we may look back on many good times together with cousins. This year is no exception as we have a wonderful reunion planned. We will be back in Massachusetts where our roots began. Our Pilgrim ancestors would be proud that we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary on the land on which they first stepped foot.

We will have a “meet & greet” pizza party on Wednesday evening, September 13, 2017. On Thursday September 14, Debbie Yingst and Fred Swegles will lead a car tour over to Barnstable to the Sturgis Library. There, the bible that belonged to Reverend John Lathrop with the candle wax drippings is a must to see. That evening is our social with cash bar, business meeting and plated dinner with Speaker Lew Taylor. Lew comes highly recommended by the Dennis Library. His topic of Mercy Otis Warren, will be most interesting.

On Friday, September 15, The climax to our reunion will be an hour long cruise to Nantucket Island, and a bus tour around the island. Topped off with lunch on your own on the island before the hour cruise back to Hyannis.

This should be a memorable reunion for all. The newly installed officers will be taking office January 1, 2018. I wish them well and hope they enjoy their term as I have.

Your cousin, Jane Engleman, Governor, The Fuller Society

Oh, The Memories!

by Debbie Yingst

As we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fuller Society, I thought it would be fun to update the article I wrote for the 20th anniversary and republish.

The weather does not always cooperate for our annual meetings. While we have had beautiful weather in Portland, Colorado Springs, San Diego and Sedona, we have endured rain in Washington, DC, Boston, Plymouth, Philadelphia, Charleston and Bennington. However, even the worst weather does not dampen the fun we have had just being together!

There were lobster bakes in Sandwich, MA and on House Island in Maine. We have eaten lunch on the grounds of the home of Todd Lincoln, on a boat on the Delaware River and in an airplane in Colorado. We've enjoyed a chuck wagon supper and western show at the Blazin' M Ranch in AZ and a wonderful musical comedy at the Iron Springs Chateau Dinner Theater in Manitou Springs, CO at the foothills of Pike's Peak which we ascended on the Cog Railway.

We've experienced the firing of the cannon at Fort William Henry in Lake George, NY, the flags flying in the breeze at Fort Ticonderoga, the eeriness of Fort Sumter, the history and ghost tours of Williamsburg, the JFK Memorial Library in Boston, John Adam's houses in Quincy, MA, the battlefields at Gettysburg and Saratoga, the splendor of the Grand Canyon, the thrill of the Verde Canyon train ride, the Amish ways in Lancaster, PA and have watched whisky being made the same way it was made in George Washington's time near his home at Mt. Vernon. Who could ever forget the pumpkins brought by Ralph and Cynthia Miller to Bennington, VT?

We've wandered the woods in a cemetery in Middleborough, MA searching for Rev. Samuel Fuller's grave, played bingo and Fuller trivia on bus rides as well as catching up on our sleep; danced while cruising the Delaware; we have worshiped, prayed, sang, laughed, cried together and have had such fun despite a government shutdown that effected our plans for the Washington, DC meeting and a wild fire in Colorado that destroyed the 60 year old Flying W Ranch where we were supposed to have dinner.

So many memories of places visited, but none more special than the remarkable people that I have met along the way.

Some of these people are no longer with us such as former Governor Elsie Wagner and her husband Alden, Webmaster Norma Heinman, Scholarship Chair Lewis Reid and Assistant Marilyn Pemrick. I know that many of you will never forget the meeting that Norma planned in Sedona, AZ. One of my all-time favorite annual meeting moments is watching Lew and Margie Reid dance as we sailed on the Delaware River at the Philadelphia meeting. A great inspiration and friend to me was Marilyn Pemrick. She displayed great courage and determination in attending the Charleston meeting in the last few weeks of her life before she was called home by God. Remembrances to my father, Jack Hoffman, without his love, support, guidance and genes (!), I would not be writing this nor would I have had the inspiration and determination to resurrect the plaque project for St. Mary's.

This would not be a complete story without me mentioning a truly remarkable lady, my dear friend and our founder, Mary Lee Merrill. I came to know her own perseverance with the St. Mary's plaque project through her correspondence with the past rector of St. Mary's. I am thankful that I did not read that correspondence until after the plaque was approved by the Church of England in 2010. Mary Lee's efforts were thwarted at every attempt for about seven years. While my experience did not even compare to that of Mary Lee, the two years I spent on the project was nerve wracking enough for me!

I would also like to acknowledge the long time service to the society of our former Treasurer and Scholarship Chair, Clara Deily. At this time in her life Clara is not able to travel. We miss seeing you, Clara and wish you all the best!

Are we just a social organization? No! The Fuller Society has placed Fuller commemorative plaques at the First Congregational Church and the Samuel Fuller School in Middleborough, MA, St. Mary's Church, Redenhall, UK and a commemorative brick in the Mayflower House walkway in Plymouth. A genealogical database with over 12,000 names was compiled with data submitted by our members by former Governor and Historian Jack Hoffman and Secretary Linda Hoffman. The information is now available on CDs. Scholarships totaling \$1620.00 are awarded to Fuller descendant high school seniors to help with college expenses. Donations have been made to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Plimoth Plantation, the Samuel Fuller School at the Middleborough Church in MA and St. Mary's church to help with the restoration of a beautiful stained glass window. All of these missions have been accomplished without ever raising dues! (Cont'd on page 7)

2017 Dues are now past due!

If you receive the newsletter by US mail, please check your mailing label. If '2016' precedes your name, your 2017 dues are past due. If you receive the newsletter via email and are not sure if you have paid your 2017 dues, please email Secretary Linda Hoffman at: Lshquinter@aol.com.

Dues are still \$10.00 Send dues to:

**Linda Hoffman—42 Sugar Maple Lane
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724**

Check payable to: The Fuller Society or pay via PayPal on our website at www.TheFullerSociety.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

General Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

www.TheFullerSociety.org

Have you visited the Fuller Society website yet?

The Fuller Society now accepts dues and donations online.

No checks to write or stamps to buy!

Coming soon!

A Members Only page which will feature our past newsletters and other Members Only information.

The sign on will be the same for all members.

Look for details in the November newsletter.

If you encounter any problems with the website, please email Debbie at: FullerSociety@aol.com

Fuller Society Newsletter

Do you have an article you would like to submit for our newsletter? How are you planning to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of your ancestor on the Mayflower?

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

Go Green!

Are you still receiving the newsletter via US mail? The newsletter is more interesting in color! Please consider receiving future newsletters via email.

Send an email to Debbie at:
FullerSociety@aol.com.

News from St. Mary's Kedenhall by Brenda Legrys

Dear Fuller Society,

Last year the Friends of St. Mary's decided that in order to give our wonderful building a future we must provide the facilities that people expect; we cannot afford to build a toilet so we installed a portable one.

This year we removed 6 pews at the front to provide a space, which was used to good effect by a 21 piece wind band last weekend and will be used for a play reading this weekend. A concert of Early English music is planned for September.

Weddings have become fashionable again this year – we've already had 2 and another 6 are planned; St. Mary's really comes alive on these occasions, with all the people, the organ and the bells.

Everything that brings people in and keeps us on the map is very welcome.

Our Quinquennial Inspection is due in 2018; it will provide a thorough survey and we await the Report with some trepidation.

Adrian and I wish you well; we pray for peace on earth and goodwill among all men.

With best wishes to you all,

Adrian and Brenda



Editor's Note: Brenda let me know that she found the following in the Visitors Book at St. Mary's church:

"Sunny and Paul McCauley, visiting my Fuller ancestors".

Sunny is a member of the Fuller Society!

What will the Fuller Society accomplish in the next twenty five years? First, we must find ways to entice the next generations to become actively involved in the society or the Fuller Society will cease to exist. There are challenges to face with the economy and at some point we may need to vote to change our Constitution so that we are not required to meet annually or raise dues.

Like my father before me, I have enjoyed being a member of the Fuller Society and serving as Governor, Deputy Governor, Treasurer, Historian, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. I urge you to think about the future of the society and to consider becoming actively involved whether it is attending the Annual Meeting, contributing an article to the newsletter, volunteering to be the next Newsletter Editor or serving on the Board of Assistants.

What is next for you and the Fuller Society? I hope YOU will answer with your support!



Fuller members, John Kemp, Judi Schiel, Debbie Yingst, Kathleen Norris and Bill Wenzel in the UK for the plaque dedication in 2011.

Below the Fuller Society at Pikes Peak in 2012.



Annual Meeting Information

CAPE CODDER RESORT & SPA

SEPTEMBER 13—15, 2017

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017..... 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
MEET & GREET PIZZA PARTY ON THE DECK AT THE CAPE CODDER TO
CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FULLER SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017.....9:00 am GROUP CAR TRIP TO
BARNSTABLE WITH DEBBIE AND JOHN YINGST & FRED SWEGELS
OR A DAY TO ENJOY ON YOUR OWN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017.....6:00 pm – 7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 pm BANQUET WITH LEW
TAYLOR, AMERICAN WRITER AND HISTORIAN FROM BARNSTABLE, MA
WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT “MERCY OTIS WARREN”.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017.....9:00am HI LINE CRUISE CHECK IN
9:30am DEPART HYANNIS
10:30am ARRIVE NANTUCKET
11:20 am DEPART BUS TOUR
12:35 pm ARRIVE BACK TO PORT
4:05pm DEPART NANTUCKET
5:05 pm ARRIVE HYANNIS



Annual Meeting Hotel Information

The Fuller Society's 25th Annual Meeting will be held in Hyannis, MA —September 13—15 2017.

Fuller Society Registration will be held on Wednesday, 13 September from 3—6 PM in the hotel lobby at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa.

1225 IYANNOUGH RD. HYANNIS, MA 02601

WED/THURS SINGLE OR DOUBLE - \$139.00 + TAX

WEEKEND RATE - SINGLE OR DOUBLE - \$179.00 + TAX

A \$5.00 PER ROOM TAXABLE RESORT FEE WILL BE APPLIED WHICH INCLUDES USE OF FITNESS CENTER, HEATED OUT DOOR POOL, BON FIRES, UNLIMITED LOCAL & DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS, RESORT ENTERTAINMENT & BUSINESS CENTER.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY PHONE OR ONLINE BY AUGUST 13, 2017
ADVANCE DEPOSITS REFUNDABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO GUEST ARRIVAL.

PHONE # 888-297-2200

*** IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE FULLER SOCIETY ***



Annual Meeting Hotel Information

TO RESERVE ON LINE:

GO TO WWW.CAPECODDERRESORT.COM

SCROLL TO BOTTOM RIGHT OF HOME PAGE WHERE “ONLINE RESERVATIONS” BOX APPEARS

ENTER ARRIVAL DATE, DAYS, ADULTS, CHILDREN IN THE BOXES INDICATED

CLICK ON “CHECK AVAILABILITY”

CLICK ON “GROUP CODE” TAB AT TOP OF PAGE (GROUP CODE – FULL0913)

ENTER CODE & CLICK “UPDATE”

CLICK “CONFIRM” IN POP UP BOX.

CLICK “BOOK” ON THE ROOM TYPE YOU WANT TO SELECT & CONTINUE WITH RESERVATION PROCESS



RESERVATION FORM — TOUR AND BANQUET

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 # _____ WILL ATTEND PIZZA PARTY—NO
CHARGE—CASH BAR

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 # _____ STUFFED SOLE WITH LOBSTER SAUCE
_____ FLAT IRON STEAK WITH MUSHROOMS

BANQUET—\$55.00 PER PERSON

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 # _____ HI LINE CRUISE WITH BUS TOUR

TOUR—\$83.00 PER PERSON

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 'THE FULLER SOCIETY'

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE# FOR TOUR: _____

EMAIL: _____

** PLEASE NOTE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS IN ADVANCE

MAIL TO BE RECEIVED BY 15 AUGUST:

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Welcome, New Members!

Linda Monson—ND

Jerome Slack—WI

Barbara Chamberlin—CA

Valerie Mayer—TN

Amy Spurgeon—KS

Dale Pratt—WI

Kristine Serwinski—CT

Martha Walorski—IN

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Larsen—WI

Martha Baumann—MA

Elsie Wagner—PA

*In loving memory of our departed friends and cousins.
Keep them safe, O God, for in you they take refuge.*

Adapted from 'Pilgrims at Prayer'