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Greetings From Your Governor

The Holidays are behind us, and I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and your New Year is Healthy and Happy.

Are you ready for the Fuller Reunion? Please set aside the following dates, October 5-9, 2016. We have a great reunion planned. On October 5 we will meet in the Aspire Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. That will be our base of operations for our reunion. It is part of the Eisenhower Complex at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA.

Thursday morning at 9 AM our coach will pick us up and depart on our Gettysburg Adventure. You will be back at the hotel about 5 PM to have dinner on your own and enjoy your evening.

Friday morning the coach will pick us up at 9 AM for an enjoyable Lancaster Adventure. There will be a tour of the Amish Countryside with various stops and after dinner we will be attending the Sight and Sound evening presentation of Samson. Return to Gettysburg about 10:45 PM.

Saturday will be a free day to enjoy sightseeing or shopping or just sleeping in until our Banquet & Business Meeting on Saturday evening. All information and reservation form will be in the July newsletter.

Don't forget to have your High School Senior apply for the Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship. The application form can be found in this Newsletter.

Enjoy your Easter and don't forget to set aside the dates for the Fuller Reunion. We don't want anyone left out. If anyone is attending the reunion and is using a wheelchair, please make note of it on your reservation form. Look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely, Jane Engleman, Governor

School Days

By Verna (Kit) Kratzenberg

It all began when Pastor Abe's wife, Kathy, asked me if I would teach the first though sixth graders about the Pilgrims and religious freedom. It was getting close to Thanksgiving; the time was just right.

The resource material included: journals by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants which contained many pictures. I was grateful that I had saved them neatly. The pictures were copied and then made into a power point presentation. The pictures then became nearly as big as life. Information was also gleaned from the Society of Mayflower Descendants of PA, the local library and N. Philbrick's book "Mayflower".

There were also three older boys who were indispensable with the power point, Ronnie Lovett, Joshua Thorton, and Josiah Schweitzer.

The presentation was presented in two sessions. The first Sunday involved the years 1602 at Scrooby Manor in England, to the boarding of the Mayflower. The second week was all about the horrendous voyage to the "First Thanksgiving".



I showed this picture.

"Does he bite?" A little first grade boy fearfully asked when he saw the huge dog!

The little boy was relieved to know the dog would just knock him down if he was a threat to the dog's master, and wouldn't let him up until the master gave a command.

Pictured: Kit's granddaughter and Fuller Society member, Kalli Lodovico with her mastiff Mizzen Grace.

No one knew there was a dog aboard the Mayflower until this class. I wanted them to see how giant the mastiff was aside a grown "Pilgrim".

The children were very enthusiastic. They sat in a semi-circle. There I stood dressed in my home made Pilgrim attire. The next picture was one of a traditional Pilgrim with a tall hat, buckles on shoes and drab clothing. They were asked if that was a Pilgrim. They all raised their voices and shouted that was definitely a Pilgrim . Then I explained why that was not what they wore and that I was wearing what a real Pilgrim would have worn.



With a broad smile, I told them that Pilgrims were happy people so they wore happy colored clothes.

The colored clothes of yellow hues and purple-pink was dyed from flowers and herbs found in nearby fields, then boiled in salt water to set the colors. The flower, berries, and herbs were brought into the classroom for everyone to see how the Pilgrims obtained the colors. Children are visual learners and love to touch and feel things. I wore a white apron and coif that was hand made by my friend, Carol Lighthall.

The next picture was of Scrooby Manor in England. I took the liberty to pique their interests with describing the mysterious secret passages and rooms where the Pilgrims could escape if the police came to arrest them because they studied the Bible.

I moved my foot on the ground to show how the secret passage would open, how dark it was and always a spider or two. Scary stuff!

Then it was off to Holland when King James became unbearable not allowing any freedom of worship. They learned how their parents sold everything they had to make the trip, how they were cheated and arrested.

I described the arrest. I was playing the part of one of the Pilgrim children, Mary Chilton. I literally cried when I told them how they had taken father away and "Why?" "Why?" I kept asking in anguish. The children were sad too, to think that someone they loved would go to jail because they read the Bible.

The class was aghast when they learned how hard children worked from the time the sun came up until it was dark. They could not believe that little five year olds had to work at all! They were so quiet when they learned how everyone had so little to eat but always thanking God for what they had. The years in Holland were made graphic with the weaving of stories and pictures. But now things had become so dire, that leaving for the Americas was imperative.

The first class ended with "ALL ABOARD".

The next Sunday, we had lots of pictures of the Mayflower, what it looked like on the inside and outside. There was a picture of the Speedwell. An imaginary ceiling was placed so they would know how adults couldn't even stand erect.

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2016 Dues Notice

Please check your mailing label for the last year you paid dues. If the year is 2015, your 2016 dues should now be paid. If you receive the newsletter via email, and would like to check your status, please email the Secretary 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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

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Total Enclosed:

\$ _____

Thank you for your prompt payment of dues and your continued support of the Society's mission and educational goals!

The Fuller Society
2016 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Award Application

The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship Awards are offered to 12th grade High School Students of *Fuller descent*. A total of \$1620 will be awarded with at least \$1000 to be awarded to the first place winner.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone : _____

High School: _____ Class Rank: _____ Of: _____

GPA (include grade transcript if available): _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

List extra curricular activities, honors and awards on a separate sheet.

Are you a Fuller Society member? _____ If you are *not* a member, list Name, Member # *and relationship to your relative that is a member*:

An original essay of approximately 500 words written by the student must accompany the application. See Page 6 for this year's essay topic.
A copy of your college acceptance letter must also be included.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail all documents by June 1, 2016 to:

Kay Walsh, Scholarship Chair
9241 W 143rd Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66221

“Thank you” to all who contribute to
The Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship fund!



The essay topic for the 2016 Bridget Lee Fuller Scholarship is:

It is the evening of 11 November 1620
on the ship *Mayflower*.

Imagine that you are one of the male passengers
who has just discussed, drafted and signed
the document that was later
named the Mayflower Compact.

Write a letter to your family back home
explaining what the discussion was about
and why you signed the document.



Lineage CDs!

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\$15.00 per CD—*please specify* Edward or Samuel.

Check made payable to: ‘The Fuller Society’.

Send to the Society Historian, Debbie Yingst at

PO Box 531

Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Fuller Website

www.thefullersociety.org

Fuller Society Website Member Page

*** *All members use the same sign on* ***

Email Address: LANCASTER (case sensitive)

Password: 2016

*** Please note: the Fuller Society website will soon be under construction for redesign ***

Due to the new website design, this newsletter will not be placed on the website.

Please contact Debbie at: *FullerSociety@aol.com* with any questions or concerns regarding the newsletter or website.

Go Green!

Please consider receiving future newsletters via email.

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

We went into verbally graphic detail about being seasick and missing the bucket to throw-up or tinkle because the ship was always in motion from the waves. We talked about smells: vomit and the animal smells, the clothes that were never changed for two months. They were shown pictures of boll weevils in their food, that they had no choice but to eat them too. For some, the boll weevils were just a little too picturesque! However, they thought it was “pretty neat” that the kids could have beer. They figured it must have been some special kind of beer!

Then came the happy time when a baby was born. They said that Oceanus was such a “neat name”!

There were pictures of huge waves and the Mayflower tossed about in the dreadful storm at sea, then being driven into Tommy’s Terror also called Pollack Rip. Tommy’s Terror is near Cape Cod. There was a huge volume of water that rushed and swirled amid the shoals with such a ferocity that it has claimed half the ship wrecks along the entire Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Once the ship is sucked into this area, there is no way out. The winds keep the ship from changing course. The crashing breakers would rip the ship apart. Many a ship wrecked there; the ghostly debris proved it. The Mayflower was doomed. Then, miraculously, God directed the wind another direction. Mercifully, the ship escaped; their lives were saved. Through everything, the Pilgrims never stopped thanking God.

They learned about the landing, the frigid winter weather, the sickness, the deaths, oh so many. They were taught why they were so sick and the symptoms like bleeding gums and sores that were once healed, opened back up. Then came pneumonia from lack of food and suitable shelter.

There were pictures of Indians - some of the foods that the Pilgrims would have eaten at the Great Harvest was brought to the class. I went to the fishery to get whole fish (with their heads on) and the kind of fish the Pilgrims would have eaten, then to a specialty shop for gooseberries. We had homemade corn bread. A picture of deer meat was sufficient, I thought. Giggle, giggle!

We prayed and gave thanks for the Pilgrims and for our religious freedom. We held hands and sang a song from Holland, “We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessings”. We had a great time! However, this is not the end of the story.

The class was so successful that a home-schooled children’s mom asked that I give a presentation to 45 of them. We had a great time!

However, this is not the end of the story. The Mayflower Society of PA was having professional re-enactors from Plymouth come to the schools

in the Pittsburg area. I was at a Mayflower meeting when I heard about it, so I asked if the home-schooled children could be included.



Malka Benjamin, museum educator from Plimoth Plantation who portrayed Constance Hopkins, came. She was exceptional! What made it so especially terrific was that she was teaching about the Pilgrims in 1627. These students had just learned from 1602-1621 so they had a wonderful background for her lessons. She brought artifacts and games that the Pilgrim children would have had.

Malka also brought children's clothing with her that the Pilgrims would have worn. Layer upon layer they dressed.

One of the boys exclaimed, "Boy, these clothes are really hot!" Then they learned that this was their summer clothing. They all laughed in disbelief.

Lunchtime came; Debbie and John Yingst, Pastor Abe, Kathy, my husband Bill and I went to a local restaurant. We asked that Malka offer the blessing before the meal as the Pilgrims might have done, knowing that the Pilgrims did not have a prayer book or anything like that. Instead of a prayer, Malka sang Psalm 23 from the original Hebrew Scripture. Malka was never out of character. Between her dress and the singing, we wondered what the other patrons were thinking. We would have liked to have spent the entire afternoon with Malka. She was such a happy, enthusiastic person with a plethora of fun information about the Pilgrims.

Back to class!



Kit Kratzenberg, Malka Benjamin and Debbie Yingst

The most fun time was when Malka held up two spoons. The first was a thick brown one. She wanted to know what it was made of. Everyone shouted, “wood”. That was correct. The second spoon was much smaller and a pale cream color. “What is this made of?” she asked. They all shouted, “Plastic” She said, “that is not correct; I am unfamiliar with the strange word ‘plastic’, but I will give you a hint. “What hath two lookers, two hookers, one shnooker, four stiff standers, four dilly –danders and a flip-flop?”

Over 100 children plus family members were taught the Pilgrim story that day!

One mom wrote, “That was fantastic! My children kept talking about it after we left and couldn’t wait to tell Daddy. Thank you to everyone that made that happen”. Brenda F.

Oh, so you couldn’t figure out the riddle either? Giggle, giggle !!

What hath:

Two lookers (eyes)

Two hookers (horns)

One shnooker (nose)

Four dilly-danders (nipples) and

A flip-flop (tail)



Yes!!! The spoon was made from a cow’s horn!!!

This entire project was one that I wish you all would do. It is so much fun! But more importantly, history is being rewritten; the Pilgrims and their quest for religious freedom, at any cost, is all but forgotten.

The adults were just as much interested, maybe more so than the children. I had one mom, who heard about the presentation, ask me if I would come to her house on Thanksgiving day as a re-enactor for her children and grandchildren who live out of state.

I did! It was quite an honor. I love to tell the story, and you will too!!!!

Photo credits to: Bill Kratzenberg, Carol Lighthall, and Deb Yingst

Annual Meeting Hotel Info

October 5—9, 2-16

Aspire Gettysburg Hotel
2634 Emmitsburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Please make your reservations with the hotel directly
by calling: 717.334.2755

Mention “The Fuller Society”. Rooms will be held until 9/5/2016.

The room rates for Wednesday and Thursday are \$119.00 + tax per night
and \$139.00 + tax per night for Friday and Saturday (2 night stay required).

The rate of \$119.00 will be honored for 3 days
before and after the above dates.

2015 Annual Meeting Attendees



THE FULLER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
WILLIAMSBURG, VA
OCTOBER 2015

Welcome, New Members!

Ralph Walton—CO

Aldon Olson—MI

Susan Riley—OH

Kimberly Benson—Johnson—MN

Brenda Bishop—VA

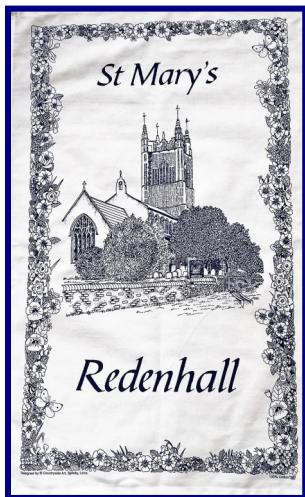
Wanda Langdon—OH

Rebecca Lubitz—OH



Beautiful English Tea Cloth

\$18.00 includes S & H



This beautiful tea cloth is being sold at St. Mary's Redenhall, the church where the Fuller brothers, Edward and Samuel were baptized.

I received a limited number of them to sell to Fuller Society members.

My thanks to Brenda LeGrys!

The design is dark blue printed on a 100% cotton white cloth and measures 30" x 18.5".

To purchase, please send check payable to:

"Deb Yingst" - PO Box 531, Boiling Springs, PA 17007