

# MUSEUM MEMO

January/February 2017

## Get Your Tickets! “A Night FOR the Museum” Gala Fundraiser

### The celebration continues!

Our annual “A Night FOR the Museum” gala is coming up quickly! We’ve been having so much fun with the planning. The theme is “Celebrating Plymouth—150 Years!” and we have some wonderful prizes for the live and silent auctions, thanks to generous local businesses.

Would you like the chance to win a beautiful diamond necklace from Dearborn Jewelers? Or a delicious “History in the Baking” sweets table for 100 people, freshly baked by Ellen Elliot? Maybe a silver and cut glass necklace and bracelet set from Margaret Dunning’s estate?

These are just a sample of the great prizes you’ll have the chance to win at the gala! Plus you know we’ll be having some “historical” fun with trivia, a slideshow, and maybe a few special visitors. Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Join us at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, March 11, 2017, 6–9 p.m. Tables of 8 are \$600; individual tickets are \$75. Call or email today [734.455.8940 x 0](tel:734.455.8940) or [secretary@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:secretary@plymouthhistory.org). Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org).

### Can’t come and still want the chance to support the museum?

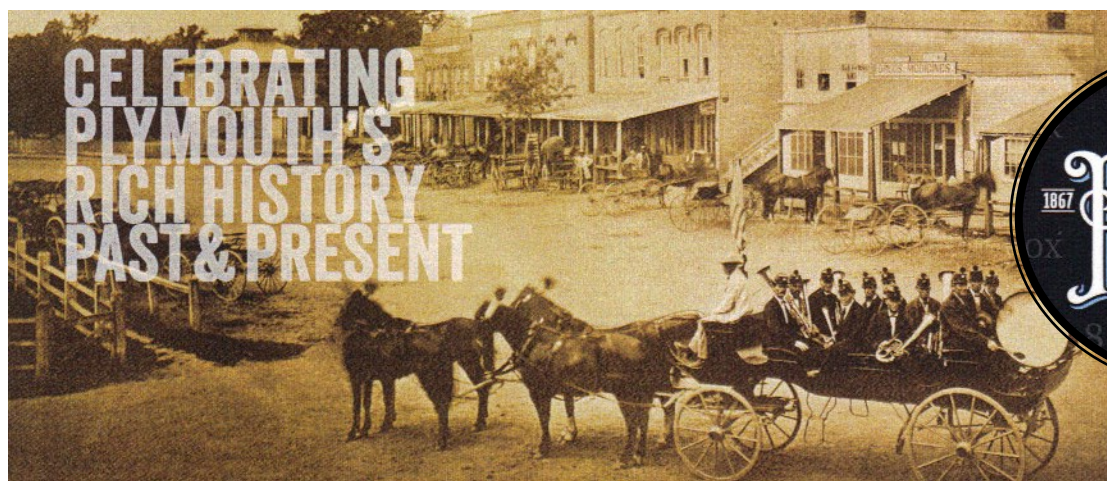
We need bottles of booze for our spirit wagon and scratch-off lottery tickets for one of our prize raffles. Or simply make a donation payable to the Plymouth Historical Museum and mail to 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth MI 48170.

## Nominations for Board of Director candidates will be taken from the floor at the April 11, 2017 meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

### According to the bylaws:

*“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.”*

*“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”*



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**Hours**

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
 1-4 PM all days  
 Open year round (except some holidays)

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**Monthly Drawing**

Ellen Smith and Yvette Babish are the winners of the January and February drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

**Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Meeting**

The friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding a membership meeting on Tuesday, **April 11 at 7 PM**. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board nominating committee to announce the candidates who are running for the Board of Directors. At the meeting, we will also take nominations from the floor (see page 1).

Our speaker that night will be Terese Tuohey, who will discuss “The Bands of Plymouth, 1857–1930.” Terese is an Associate Professor Emerita from Wayne State University and the author of *Music, Education, and Multiculturalism* (Oxford University Press, 1998).

The Plymouth Historical Museum a privately funded 501(c)3 charitable organization. We receive no government funding. So we always have a "wish list" of things that help us as we work to preserve and share the history of Plymouth.

We are always in need of stamps. If you would like to donate first class "forever" stamps, any style or amount is appreciated. Just deliver or mail them to the museum.

- Roll of 100 first-class postage stamps **\$49**

Here are some of our common purchases to provide inspiration.

- Box of copy paper **\$27**
- 1 mannequin for exhibits (9 needed) **\$200**
- 5 cubic yards of mulch for landscaping **\$185**
- IT/Network support **\$250**
- ½ month heating bill **\$375**
- ½ month electric bill **\$475**
- 1 month employee salary **\$500**

To donate, make your check payable to:

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 155 S. Main Street  
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**New Members—Welcome!**

David Cartwright, Westland  
 Diann Dupuis, Livonia  
 Jerilynn Frontiera, Plymouth  
 Stephen Gulyas, Plymouth  
 Ralph Higgins, Northville  
 Hank Jallo, Plymouth  
 Karen Jallo, Plymouth  
 David Kirkpatrick, Northville  
 Mekie Kukan, Canton  
 Andres Linn, Ypsilanti  
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# Bits 'N Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

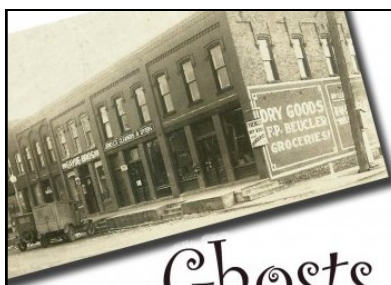
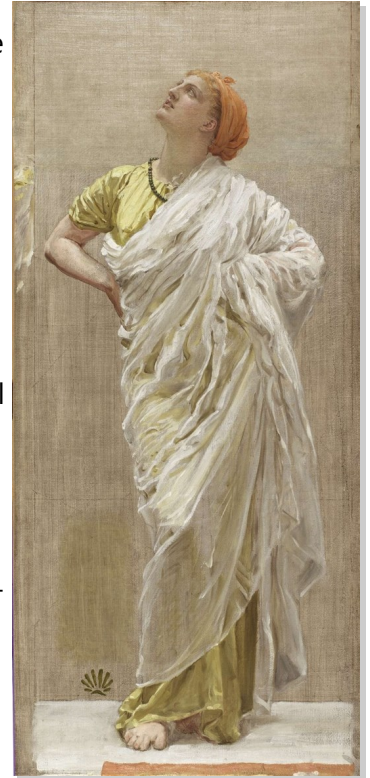
I'm writing this on February 21, 2017, amidst several abnormally warm days in Southeast Michigan. It's hard to be inside when the weather promises to be in the 60s this afternoon.

As usual, it's pretty busy in the Plymouth Historical Museum these days. Our largest fundraiser of the year, "A Night FOR the Museum," is just over two weeks away. If you haven't yet bought your tickets, please do! We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Village/City of Plymouth with our usual historic and dramatic flair.

Many of the employees and volunteers of the Museum are occupied cleaning out the lower-level large storage area in anticipation of the installation of movable storage! Thanks to the grant writing skills of our Marketing Director, Sherrie Brindley, the Museum is the recipient of two major grants to purchase and install this movable storage. We are receiving about \$11,000 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA); we have already received \$40,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation for this project. The movable storage will increase our storage space for furniture and large items, while also reducing the risk of deterioration of the collections from gas produced by plywood. The

movable storage is scheduled to be installed at the end of March. A big thank you to both MCACA and the Dunning Foundation!

The Plymouth Historical Museum is one of the Plymouth sites selected by the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum for placement of art as part of the DIA Inside Out program. The art that will be featured on the outside brick wall east of the Church Street door is called "A Study for Birds," by Albert Moore (at right). The framed art replica is about 6 feet tall by 3 feet wide and will be very dramatic near the Museum entrance between April 17 and July 10, 2017. We're hoping that this placement will drive traffic to the Museum during that timeframe.



The Plymouth Historical Museum presents historic figures from Plymouth's past in...

Ghosts of Plymouth  
Walk Around Old Village



[www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org)

Saturday, April 22  
Walks begin at 5:00 PM\*

\*Walks start at gazebo on Farmer Street and last up to 90 minutes. Wear walking shoes.

Tickets \$12 in advance;  
\$20 on April 22 at the Farmer Street gazebo  
Purchase tickets at  
Plymouth Historical Museum  
155 S. Main Street  
734-455-8940 or

**Donations Received  
December 2016–January 2017  
Thank You!**

The following generous donations were received in December 2016 and January 2017:

**The Lincoln  
(\$1,000–\$2,499)**  
Brian & Margaret Kidston

**The Starkweather  
(\$500–\$999)**  
Roy R Pilkington  
John Wilson Jr.

**The Penniman  
(\$250–\$499)**  
Blake Abbey  
Betty Hees  
James Vermeulen

**The Kellogg (\$100–\$249)**  
Louis Christensen  
Dorothy Grant  
Steve Marulis  
Nancy Navarre  
Mary Pauline  
Don Pohlod  
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Walter Smith  
Alan VanKerckhove  
Douglas & Lila Vincent

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Pam Yockey

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Susan Robinson  
Lary Smith  
Ann Wood-Alatalo  
Merrilee Zawadzki

**50 Years Ago -  
February 1967**

# Mad Hatter Tea

Sunday,  
May 7  
Noon-2 pm

- Meet Alice in Wonderland
- Enjoy tea delicacies
- Make and take activities
- Kids can dress up
- Photos

Tickets are \$25 for one adult and one child;  
\$15 for additional attendees.  
Add \$5 to ticket prices after April 21.

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## Road Chief Stresses Need of Gas Tax Hike

Proposed increases in the state gas tax and license plate fee would give Michigan's cities and counties an additional \$55 million a year to make needed road and street improvements, State Highway Director Howard E. Hill said.

"Michigan's 83 counties and 520 cities and villages now receive \$135 million annually from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund," Hill said. "Most of this income must be spent to maintain Michigan's more than 100,000 miles of county roads and city and village streets.

"A two-cent increase in the state gas tax along with a moderate increase in license plate fees would increase the amount of money available to counties and cities to about \$190 million annually."

*A commentary published in the Plymouth Mail, regarding the planned celebration of Plymouth's 100th Anniversary in 1967. In 2017, the Plymouth Historical Museum presents an evolving exhibit of Plymouth's 150-year history — one of the Museum's best exhibits ever!*

**50 Years Ago - February 1967**

**50 Years Ago - 1967**



**Plan to Invite English Mayor To Centennial**

Heading the list of dignitaries being invited to Plymouth for the Centennial celebration that opens on Sunday, March 5, will be P.

D. Pascho the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England.

The Centennial Committee agreed to stretch its collective hands across the seas to add a real Pilgrim touch to the celebration for it was from Plymouth, England, the original Pilgrims sailed on their eventful trip across the Atlantic.

Along with the Lord Mayor from England, there will be a host of other Plymouth mayors invited. There are 14 cities named Plymouth in the United States and the Mayor of each of them is being invited to attend the celebration at some time during the summer.

**Area Should Choose Best of All Eras**

It is beginning to seem as if there are as many ideas for the forthcoming centennial, as there are people in Plymouth.

One idea was to fix up Kellogg Park in some way. This seems worthwhile.

Another was to turn this town into another Williamsburg or imitation of Plymouth, Mass. Certainly Plymouth is more than that.

Do we want our town to become a tourist attraction, or do we want it to be a pleasant environment in which to raise our families?

Another recommendation is not to try and import a culture, but to develop what is already there. For instance, Quebec was advised not to compete with northern Michigan and Maine. Quebec has a French Canadian culture, which the other two don't. Therefore, the advice was to make use of what they had.

Does this mean we should ignore our tenuous ties with Plymouth, Mass.? No. But we should not forget that we have the best of several eras to choose from.

Perhaps, we aren't so much interested in becoming a well-known tourist attraction as continuing to remain a delightful small town, the type that is vanishing from the American scene.



*July 1967, English Mayor Frank Chapman participated with good spirit in all the City of Plymouth Centennial events, including the Fourth of July parade. Driving car is Jerry Yohey, Plymouth Jaycees. With Chapman in back seat is Sid Strong, City Manager 1920-27, and Mr. Jushau, British Consul in Detroit.*

# Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

## Former Plymouth Citizen's Most Generous Gift

100 Years Ago -  
January 1917

## Improvement of Kellogg Park

In the Plymouth United Savings Bank there is on display the architect's drawings of a beautiful soldiers' monument, which is to be donated to the village of Plymouth through the public-spiritedness and generosity of a former Plymouth boy, Harry G. Bradner of Lansing. At the regular meeting of the village council Tuesday evening, the council agreed to accept the memorial and provide a suitable place for its location in Kellogg park, as was requested by the donor.

The monument is of white granite and stands fifteen feet and six inches in height. The figure of a woman, standing in sort of an alcove and representing peace, surmounts the memorial. On the front of the base are inscribed the following words. "In memoriam. A tribute to those sons of Plymouth who offered their lives in the war of the states, 1861-1865." The architects are Lloyd Bros. of Toledo, Ohio.

Since the announcement was made that Harry E. Bradner of Lansing, had generously offered to donate to the village a beautiful memorial to commemorate the memory of Plymouth's gallant sons, who took part in the great struggle of 1861-1865, and which offer has been accepted by the village council, there has been a growing sentiment among our citizens that some action should be taken by the council for the improvement of Kellogg park, where the memorial is to be placed. It is none too early to be giving this matter some serious consideration, so that whatever work is done, it can be started early in the spring, and when the dedication of the memorial takes place on July 3, next, Kellogg park will present an appearance that will be in keeping with the beautiful memorial which has come to us as such a magnificent gift.

50 Years Ago -  
January 1967

## Slow Trains Fined \$5,065

Have you been one of the many motorists delayed at railroad crossings in the City by long freight trains?

Well, take heart. Municipal Judge Edward Draugelis has been cracking down and believes C&O officials will take steps to correct the situation within a relatively short time.

In slightly more than a year, Judge Draugelis has fined C&O a total of \$5,065 for blocking crossings longer than the five minutes allowed by city ordinance. The fines were assessed for 16 violations.

"We have had numerous complaints from citizens and from police authorities," said Judge Draugelis. "We have been varying the fines because of the length of time crossings have been blocked."

What they do together... is a crime!

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Plus

DEAN MARTIN and CAROL BURNETT  
ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY

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Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?

## St. John's Up for Sale?

Irving Rozian, chairman of the Plymouth Planning Commission's freeway study committee, learned to his dismay that the buildings and property of St. John's Seminary will not be available for a community recreation complex nor for a junior college.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Rozian suggested that there was an indication that St. John's Seminary might be moved to the inner city so that the seminarians would be in closer touch to the problems they would face as priests.

But, Rev. Fr. David Niswonger, business manager of the Seminary, put an end to such rumors in a hurry.

"I may have made such a remark jokingly," said Fr. Niswonger, "but the Bishops, who control the Seminary have no such thoughts. They have indicated they would frown on any encroachment of the Seminary property by a freeway. More than that, it would cost between \$15 and \$20 million to relocate the Seminary."



**FIVE GENERATIONS** and all girls. That's the story when this quintet of gals got together to view three-week-old Kathleen Ann McLennan, newest member of the group. They are: (from left) Great Great Grandmother Mrs. Sophie Huegel, 102, who resides in the Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon; Great Grandmother Mrs. Sophie Saner, 67, of Lake, Mich.; Grandmother Mrs. Roy Schultz, 7854 Lilley Road, Plymouth; Mother Mrs. Ronald McLennan, 19, of 41454 Warren Road, Plymouth, and Kathleen Ann.

50 Years Ago -  
January 1967

**MARC  
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is  
now  
on  
"Listenable"  
**WJBK  
RADIO 15**  
6 to 10 A.M.

## Centennial Committee Eyes Ice Rink as Major Project

The Plymouth Centennial Committee has decided to concentrate its efforts on a study of ways and means to finance an outdoor skating rink as a permanent memorial of the big celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the city.

A. — Warming House and outdoor ice skating rink with promenade area, approximate cost, \$170,000.

B. — Warming house facilities, pavilion building and ice skating rink 85' by 185', approximate cost, \$355,000.

## Could These Happen in 1967

The Detroit Lions go through an entire season with nobody popping off at anybody? . . . with Livonia's Wayne Walker fighting off the injury hex, which handicapped him most of the past season? . . . with the Tiger Stadium fans never again pulling off the low stunt they did in the '66 finale when they pelted Coach Harry Gilmer with snowballs?

Livonia's Alex Delvecchio and Normie Ullman helping the Red Wings to get straightened out and pop into one of the four spots that qualify a team for the playoffs?

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## Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at [www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html).

Special Museum Exhibit, "Celebrating Plymouth — 150 Years!"

### March

11—Saturday, A Night FOR the Museum, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth. Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at the Museum or on the Museum website.

### April

- 11—Tuesday, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Meeting, 7 PM. "The Bands of Plymouth, 1857–1930," with Terese Tuohey.
- 22—Saturday, Ghosts of Plymouth Walk Around Old Village. Walks begin at 5 PM at Gazebo on Farmer Street, tickets are \$12 in advance, \$20 at Gazebo. The walk lasts up to 90 minutes.

### May

- 7—Sunday, "Mad Hatter Tea," Noon-2 PM. Tickets \$25 for one adult & one child. See ad on page 4.
- 9—Tuesday, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Annual Meeting, 6:30 PM. Board of Directors election. Potluck suggestions: Last names beginning A-H—Dessert; I-R—Main Dish; S-Z—Side Dish.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
PRESENTS

# A Night for the Museum

DINNER ★ AUCTION ★ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

CELEBRATING  
PLYMOUTH  
MICHIGAN  
150  
YEARS

CELEBRATING  
PLYMOUTH'S  
RICH HISTORY  
PAST & PRESENT

The advertisement features a dark blue header with white text. Below the header is a large, ornate title "A Night for the Museum" in a light blue, cursive font. Underneath the title, the event details "DINNER ★ AUCTION ★ FUNDRAISER" and the date "SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017" are displayed in white. The bottom half of the advertisement shows a historical black and white photograph of a street scene with a horse-drawn carriage. Overlaid on the photograph is a circular logo for "CELEBRATING PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN 150 YEARS" and the text "CELEBRATING PLYMOUTH'S RICH HISTORY PAST & PRESENT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.