You're Invited to Plymouth's 150th Birthday Party on July 26, 6-8 PM, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are $25 each and include admission to the party (optional), and the chance to win a Diamond Pendant valued at $10,000 with 150 diamonds, donated by Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth. **Need not be present to win.** The birthday party event is sponsored by Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center and includes wine and appetizers. Tickets are available at the Museum, on the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org, and at Dearborn Jewelers.

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Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll."

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New Members—Welcome!

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

Here are some of our common purchases to provide inspiration.

• Roll of 100 first-class postage stamps $49
• Box of copy paper $27
• 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: Plymouth Historical Museum
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Monthly Drawing
Sue Seelye and Bill Cottrell are the winners of the May and June drawings for a $25 gift certificate.
We have some fun events on the horizon and we want to make sure that Museum members get first crack at tickets for some of the events that sell out quickly.

- **First up is the 4th of July** parade down Main Street, beginning at 9 AM on the 4th. This year, in honor of the Village/City of Plymouth’s 150th anniversary, the Museum will have a float recreating a scene from Plymouth in the 1860s. It’s a band wagon and members of the Plymouth Community Band will be on the float making music. Don’t miss our tribute to Plymouth!
- **Sunday, July 16** we are holding a Super Hero Ice Cream Social, 2-4 PM. There are still tickets for $12 each available at the Museum or at www.plymouthhistory.org. Please don’t wait until the last minute, as lately we’ve had a number of sold-out events.
- **Wednesday, July 26** we will be celebrating Plymouth’s 150th anniversary with a birthday party at the Museum, 6-8 PM. This is a ticketed event, i.e. each person that attends must present a ticket to get in. The ticket is $25 and enters you in a raffle to win a diamond pendant valued at $10,000, donated by Dearborn Jewelers. We will have plenty of refreshments and some people from Plymouth’s past. The event is sponsored by Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.
- **August 17-19** is the Museum’s Nostalgia Sale. We’re accepting donations of items that are better than yard sale quality. If you wonder if we’re interested in an item, give us a call.
- **October 7** is the first of two Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walks. The second will be on **October 28**. This is an immensely popular event; both walks we held last year sold out within a week each. Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 10. If you’re interested in attending one of the walks, please buy your tickets right away. The walks will be identical, so you only need buy tickets for the walk that fits best with your schedule. The tickets will be on sale at the Museum and through our website at www.plymouthhistory.org.
- **October 28** is the second of two Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walks. Please see October 7 entry.
- **November 5** is a Markham/Wilcox House Tour. We have a tour on September 24 of this wonderful mansion, but the tickets sold out in 2 hours! So we’re letting members know ahead of time that tickets for this walk will go on sale on Monday, July 24. Again, the tickets will be on sale at the Museum and on our website at www.plymouthhistory.org.
- **December 10** we will have Simply Dickens back for a tea! Watch for more details.

School groups visit the Museum and we teach them about Lincoln, the Civil War, the Victorian period, old toys, Underground Railroad, communities, Native Americans, and the Erie Canal.

We have all of the materials; our Education Coordinator Leslie Ryder will help you organize the presentation.

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Please join our pool!
Contact the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 2, or by email at education@plymouthhistory.org.
Donations Received
April – May 2017
Thank You!

The following generous donations were received between April and May 2017:

**The Lincoln ($1,000–$2,499)**
Dolores Guenther

**The Penniman ($250–$499)**
Rick Mosteller

**The Kellogg ($100–$249)**
Thomas Salapatek

Support the Plymouth Historical Museum

The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum (a.k.a. Plymouth Historical Society) is privately funded and receives no government support for its mission of providing historical education and maintaining the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Donations are sent directly to the Plymouth Historical Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and all donations are tax deductible. If your donation is more than $100, you will be acknowledged on our new donor wall in the stairwell leading to the lower level.

We appreciate your support!

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Mark your calendar and dust off your flapper dresses!
Next Year's "A Night For the Museum" gala will be Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Italian American Banquet Center.

To become a sponsor contact Liz Kerstens at 734.455.8940 ext. 9
The future of the City of Plymouth is up in the air—literally.

This is the conclusion reached by a special group of students from the University of Michigan following a 13-week personal study and was given in a special meeting with the City Commission last Monday evening.

As part of their work as members of Prof. William Glaser’s class, the students presented their findings in one of the most fascinating reports heard in a long while.

“If the people of Plymouth want to retain their quiet, little ‘city of homes’ they will face a real task,” the report stated. “The quiet and beauty can be retained—but at an awful cost.”

The report pointed out that there is no room for development in the city and the way to grow is in the air.

“There is less than five acres available for any type of use,” the report showed—and not much can be done with this to improve a tax base.

“If the city is to remain in its present confines of two square miles, there must be a full scale re-zoning of property, to maintain a balance between industrial and residential property. It is suggested,” the report continued, “to concentrate the residents in high rise apartments and switch much of the present residential property to light industry.

“There is only one alternative,” the report went on, “and that is annexation or unification with surrounding communities and make the present city the core of the area.”

Claiming that their study uncovered the fact that the Plymouth housewives do most of their purchasing at the large shopping centers and patronize the downtown area only for “odds and ends”, the students recommend two things to bring about survival. They were:

1. Construction of an overpass to eliminate the Main Street railroad crossing.
2. Develop an area of specialty shops in the Kellogg Park area.
One era of Plymouth’s history will come to a close and another will be born Tuesday when, for the first time, the formal observance of Memorial Day will be conducted without the presence of a single war veteran from the battlefields of the 19th Century.

Time has turned its inevitable corner, and, while the solemnity of the tribute will be the same, only the fighting men and women of the 20th Century remain to take part in the 1967 ceremonies.

Plymouth’s last link with the past, 86-year-old Spanish-American War Veteran Thomas Gray, was to have ridden in a special place of honor in Tuesday morning’s traditional parade.

Wednesday night Mr. Gray was placed on the “critical” list at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, with advancing age making his survival appear problematical.

Plymouth City Commission Sets
4 Public Hearings on June 19

The Plymouth City Commission has set Monday evening, June 19, as the date of public hearings for the proposed closing of four alleys in the community.

These alleys include:
1—The alley between Auburn and Sunset, between Farmer and Junction.
2—Alley between Sunset and Sheldon Road, between Farmer and Junction.
3—Alley east of Sheldon Road between Junction and Goldsmith.
4—Alley between Auburn and Sunset between Blanche and Farmer.

A huge civic welcome is being planned for the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England, and his entourage, when they arrive on Monday, June 3, to be honored guests at the Plymouth Centennial.

From the moment they arrive by plane at the Windsor, Canada, airport, they will be given the “red carpet” treatment that will reach a climax on the City Hall lawn at approximately 4 o’clock in the afternoon.

Under the plans approved by the Committee, Mayor James Jabara will head a motorcade to the airport to extend greetings upon their arrival.

From the airport the motorcade will head for the City-County Building and an official call on Mayor Cavanagh. From there, the group will make a quick tour of Cobo Hall to allow the visitors an opportunity to see one of the larger exhibition and convention halls in America.
Main Street Renamed for Centennial

City To Be Given Real Plymouth Rock

Civic Dinner To Honor Plymouth's Lord Mayor

Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html.

Special Museum Exhibit, “Celebrating Plymouth — 150 Years!” The exhibit will change throughout the year to feature various decades in Plymouth’s 150-year history.

June
30—Friday, Penn Theatre, Night at the Museum, 7 & 9:05 pm. Tickets $3. In cooperation with Plymouth Historical Museum.

July
1—Saturday, Penn Theatre, Night at the Museum, 7 & 9:05 pm. Tickets $3. In cooperation with Plymouth Historical Museum.
4—Tuesday, Museum float in 4th of Plymouth parade.
16—Sunday, “Super Hero Ice Cream Social,” 2-4 pm. Tickets $12 per person.
26—Wednesday, “Plymouth's 150th Birthday Party”, 6-8 pm, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are $25 each and include admission to the party (optional), and the chance to win a Diamond Pendant valued at $10,000.

August
17-19—Nostalgia Sale, Plymouth Historical Museum.

September
24-Oct. 1—Exhibit closed for updates for Halloween.