

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November General Membership meeting**—6:30 PM at the Milford United Methodist Church at 1600 Atlantic St in Milford. The meeting starts with a pot-luck dinner. The program kicks off at about 7:15PM, after a short membership meeting.

The MHS board will supply turkeys for the dinner  
Pot luck assignments— A—F— Salads, G—Q—  
Side Dishes, R—Z— Desserts

Our October Guest Speaker Suzann Hines spoke on the story of Halloween complete with witch's hat, cauldron and broom. The Potluck was tasty, as always.



Our Thursday 6:30 November 16th meeting will be our annual Turkey Dinner Potluck. As always the Board will supply the turkey and everyone else check the newsletter for what to bring. I will bring my usual green bean casserole.

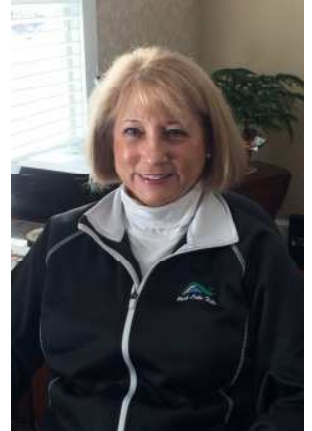
Our November Speaker will be Ric Mixer. An expert on the Great Lakes. He will be speaking on the Gales of November, Edmund



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## From Our President, *Rena Valentine*

Welcome to fall, everyone! What a beautiful time of the year it is, but we all know what's coming next. Hopefully, we can stay busy and make the time go fast. Some of us are lucky enough to have warm destinations to keep us going during this long winter season that is upon us.



With that said, I have great news to share with you. Our Home Tour 2017 was a great success thanks to our great 'team' of volunteers that work diligently to put this event together for us each year. We also had many sponsors that made this happen. We would like to thank our Presenting Sponsor: Veterinary Care Specialists and VCS Pets First; the Gold Level: Milford DDA and Medilodge of Milford; Silver Level: Jack Bolling Law, and Ellis Brothers Collision. At the Bronze Level: the Clothing Cove, Primerica of Milford, The Huron Valley State Bank, The Digital Document Store, MJ Whelan Construction, Flagstar Bank, Mathnasium of Northwest Oakland County, Milford Cinema, The Naranjo Agency, Jeffrey Stark-Edward Jones, and Main Street Art. And, with the 5 great homes that we presented, along with the Oak Grove Cemetery, the museum, and our car and tractor show, it was a great weekend. Not to mention, the weather was perfect too!

One of our new fundraisers went very well too. We partnered with the Clothing Cove to put on a fashion demonstration for a fun-filled evening and shopping event just last week. We had a silent auction and snacks and desserts available. Tickets were on sale at the museum, Nana's Niche and Acorn Farms. I hope some of you were able to join us. We're hoping next year to get more of you on board.

Our semi-annual Mary Jackson Tea will be held on November 11th. We're proud to announce that we have sold out, and will have a full house that day. Our theme this time is patriotic, as the tea falls on Armistice Day. I hope many of you have your tickets to attend this.

Another fundraiser we are working on is a golf outing at Mystic Creek (Camp Dearborn) sometime in June, 2018. A meeting will be taking place tomorrow to set things up. As usual, we would love volunteers to step up to pass out hot dogs at the turn, sell tickets, give out prizes at the end, and many other facets of putting on this type of event. We're very excited about this one too. There will also be a dinner at the end of the day!

Well, that's all for now.....

***Our Mission Statement:*** We are organized exclusively for educational purposes. We bring together people who are interested in history, especially the history of the village of Milford & Milford Township.

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### Museum Director's Report -

Museum Director Elaine Hunter is spending a month in Portugal as we go to press. She emailed that it is difficult to write much from there but did want to remind everyone that the Museum will be closing for the winter after the first Saturday in December.

There will be refreshments at the Museum that day to help celebrate a very successful

2017 season. Come on out and help send the Museum and staff off for their winter break.

Elaine also wanted me to mention that there will be work to be done in the Museum over the winter, so if you have an interest in helping, please contact her when she gets back from Portugal. Also she is always looking for adults to volunteer to be at the Museum on the days that it is open—Wed, Sat and Sun from 1-4 PM. The student docents normally conduct the Museum tours, but we must have adult supervision present.

### Fall Tea at the Mary Jackson House



Spend an enjoyable afternoon as the Milford Historical Society will once again host a Fall Tea at the childhood home of Mary Jackson. Ms. Jackson was born and raised in

Milford. A graduate of Milford High School class of 1927, Ms. Jackson went on to star in theater productions, television programs and several motion pictures. Her most prominent role was of Ms. Emily Baldwin of the 1970's

program *The Walton's*.

Mary Jackson loved the fall season in Milford and often brought her Hollywood friends back to enjoy the fall season. The date of this year's Fall Tea is Saturday, November 11, 2017. Two tea seating times will be offered, the first from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Each guest will enjoy savories and sandwiches, scones and assorted desserts along with tea, coffee and punch.

Guests will also enjoy a fashion show with a patriotic Red, White and Blue theme. Models will include young men in military uniforms from various eras.

This year's Fall Tea is a sell out, so you'll have to wait for the Spring Tea, if you don't already have a ticket for this one.

### The Milford Historian

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Fitzgerald and shipwrecks. It is said more people learn about the Great Lakes from Ric Mixer than any other source. He has produced 30 local shows for PBS and the Outdoor Channel. He has written a book called The Wheelsman and is a private pilot of single engine planes and military jets. There is so much to tell you about Ric I suggest you Google: Ric Mixer. You will be impressed. Did I mention he is an under-water shipwreck diver? For more on Ric see the article to the right.

There is no December Meeting but we will start up again at MUMC on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 PM with our annual Unique, Ugly and Unusual Meeting. Bring an item to share, show off or have us guess what it is. This Meeting is always fun and informative.

This is my last Meeting as Program Director. I have the schedule for 2018 mostly done. Waiting for responses for our November 2018 Meeting. If you have any interest in taking over this position contact Rena Valentine or Sandi Muirhead.

**The 2018 Calendar for Programs:**

January 18th	Unique, Ugly and the Unusual
March 15th	War Dogs
April 19th	Tom Neff
May 17th	Mr. Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln (Not Pam Dawson) Milford Library
July 19th	Annual Picnic at Mary Jackson House
Sept 20th	Better Made Potato chips
October 18th	Polar Express Steam Engine
Novmeber 15th	TBA

Sandi Muirhead  
Programs

NOTE: The Milford Historical Society Board would like to thank Sandi for her years of service as our Programs Chairman. Sandi has spent countless hours researching and finding interesting speakers for our General Membership meetings.

Sandi is so dedicated that she even lined up all of the programs for 2018 before taking her leave. Sandi has said that she will help whomever volunteers to take over the Programs position. You do not have to be a Board member to assume this position, so let Sandi or Rena know if you have an interest in lining up programs and speakers.



November Speaker: Ric Mixer

Millions of television viewers recognize Ric Mixer as a shipwreck researcher, diving over 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced over 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. He leads the pack when it comes to sharing our unique underwater resources with the general public, and thousands of dive show patrons and countless school kids know him as the energetic story teller who uses video like no other presenter can.



Ric served as SCUBA cameraman on underwater expeditions to the Great Lakes largest shipwrecks, the Edmund Fitzgerald and Carl D. Bradley. He has interviewed dozens of shipwreck survivors

over the past 15 years, including two from the 1913 Storm, two from the 1940 Armistice Day Storm and survivors from the largest shipwrecks in Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. Today he runs his own production company, Airworthy Productions. He's been Emmy nominated and has taken several awards including the Addy, Aurora, Michigan Association of Broadcasters Best Use of Medium, AP, UPI and was the 2007 Vescio award winner for a video on mental health advocacy. With over 20 years of stories on historical preservation, Ric was awarded the 2009 Award for Historic Interpretation by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime Historians. In 2011 he was elected to their board of directors. Ric is also a two-term president for the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association.

Ric has also been featured in several books including Fitzgerald's Storm by Dr. Joe MacInnis, Voices of the Lakes by Steve Harrington, and Wreck of the Carl D. by Michael Schumacher. His motivational story was also profiled in a feature-length documentary by Beacon Media in 2009 called "Anything But Ordinary". He also tours the Great Lakes region as a motivational speaker at schools and colleges and was accepted as a Michigan Arts and Humanities touring story-teller in 2009.

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**Save the Date - Golf Outing Fundraiser coming up in 2018**

Some of us on the Board of Directors have talked to the golf pro, Trent Smith at Mystic Creek Golf Course today about having a 18 hole golf outing there on **Thursday, June 14, 2018**. Hopefully, this event will be a great one; since most of us like golf, right?



Well, if not, there are several areas we can have the general membership be involved. We will need golfers, sponsors for prizes for closest to the pin, longest

drive, etc. We are also thinking about having a silent auction. There will be hot dogs, chips and soda available at the turn and then a dinner when the event is done. We are also giving a few drink tickets.

The cost will be \$100 per person, (volunteers will be free, of course). Please call me at 248-514-9124 to sign up to golf or volunteer. We will be selling the tickets at same venues as we use for other events, however; that is not in place at this time. I will be having tickets printed very soon for sale, but please feel free to call me to reserve a spot for you and your group.

By: Rena Valentine

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