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Dear Family and Friends,

It is with great sadness and regret that I inform you of the passing of our beloved treasurer and past president, Ginny Mucciaccio.

Pam and I had just met with her to turn over the treasurer duties on July 25th. When we went to her house on August 8th, we learned that she had passed. It was sudden and quick due to a fall. It is a great shock and a great loss.

She became president shortly after the fire in 1996 and led us through two rounds of grants to restore the house. In 2012 she became treasurer, providing a firm grip on our fundraising and finances as well as guidance for the organization and genealogy support for members. She will be sorely missed.

Pam Meppelink of Arlington, MA is our new treasurer. We had been planning on the transition for quite a while. We have retrieved some paper records but need access to Ginny's computer to get the latest membership roster, donation record, genealogy info and Quicken records.

Let's memorialize Ginny at the annual meeting this year!

Annual Meeting Saturday, September 21st

We'll have coffee and munchkins for the morning and sandwiches, chips and drinks for lunch.

Please RSVP to me at jonwy@comcast.net or with a note in your donation to Pam, so we can plan the logistics. We're looking forward to a big turnout!



Ginny Mucciaccio - 8/25/1930 to 8/4/2024



Pam, Ginny & Jon at Cambridge Savings Bank
7-25-24

George Adams Wyman Motorcycle Across America 1903



George A. Wyman & motorcycle as he arrived in New York

Dave Wyman is a member of the Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society in Dixon, IL. He advised me his city finally erected a plaque commemorating George's achievement of being the first to ride a motorized vehicle across the US.

George left San Francisco on May 16, 1903 on his California motorized bicycle. It had a 200CC, 1.5 hp motor and 28" tires on wooden rims. He traversed mountains, prairies and the industrial heartland on unpaved roads and trails and often along railroad tracks. He suffered numerous breakdowns along the way and made many improvised repairs. The trip took 52 days, arriving in New York City on July 6.

The George A Wyman Memorial Project, Inc. has erected 160 waypoint signs to mark his route across America. Dave sent me a poster showing the route and locations of the waypoints. It will be displayed at the Francis Wyman House along with a photo of the plaque and the full story for FWA members and visitors.



St. Mary the Virgin Church, Westmill England

The Westmill, England Pilgrimage

My wife and I were privileged to take a trip to London and Ireland last fall. From London we took the Tube to Kings Cross Station and then a train to Stevenage and then a cab to Westmill.

The cab ride through the farmland with hedge rows close on each side brought us back in time. We could imagine farmers in the olden days on their carts. Visits to Westmill begin and end at the Sword in Hand Pub and B&B. It's right next to the St. Mary of the Virgin Church.

People have worshipped here for at least a thousand years. The belltower houses the 15th century baptismal font which is still used today.



Baptismal Font at St Mary's where Francis and John Wyman were baptized in 1619 and 1622.

Volunteers

Thanks to Ken Wyman for taking on the website update. He's making progress and we've removed most of the outdated info. The updated donation form is on line and people can join up or donate through PayPal and soon through Venmo.

House Repairs and Painting

Work has begun on repairing and painting the house. With some luck, the repairs and painting will be completed by the Annual Meeting next month!

Thanks for your Generous Donations!

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The 2023 Annual Meeting

2023 Annual Meeting was pretty well attended despite Hurricane Lee churning off the coast. It cleared up by noon and we enjoyed a meeting with much enthusiastic discussion.



2023 Annual Meeting Family Picture with the new well sweep in the background.



Karen & Pam with newly donated well sweep plate. Karen also donated a thumb back chair and Hessian Soldier andirons.



Pam, Jane, Brad and Ginny at 2023 Annual Meeting



Ruth and Rob Lyon, John Zafiris Family and friend and Pam

Please keep us in mind for your annual **charitable contributions** and consider FWA for your will or memorial donations. Please send donations to Pam Meppelink, 108 Highland Ave, Arlington, MA 02476-7848 in the enclosed envelope or with credit card or PayPal at www.wymanassociation.org

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\$50

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\$500

\$200

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Francis Wyman House Tile (6" x 6")

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Small House Tile Coaster

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House Shelf Decoration (Cat's Meow)

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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting and Reunion: Saturday, September 21st

Join us at the Francis Wyman House – 56 Francis Wyman Road, Burlington, MA 01803

Let's honor Ginny by sharing stories of her energy, humor and enthusiasm. Bring your family to re-engage with Wyman's you know and make new Wyman connections. Extend your stay and visit nearby historic New England.

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| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Open house and tours |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Group Picture and Lunch – Coffee, Sandwiches, cold drinks, etc. will be provided. Please let us know if you will attend. |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | FWA Annual Meeting followed by Open Discussion |

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