

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Delano Kindred Members,

This has been another year of upheavals and surprises for all of us; COVID just will not let us get back to normal. In spite of that, after being forced to cancel our in-person 2020 Annual Meeting and Reunion, we will hold our 2021 meeting in person in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on September 17th and 18th. The Annual Meeting itself will also be available via Zoom for those members who are unable to travel to Plymouth. Registration for both in-person and Zoom attendance is available on our website. I'd love to see you there!

This is a really big and exciting year for us, as it marks the 400th year of DELANOs in America and 30 years for the DELANO KINDRED. And, lest we forget... it's also been 400 years since the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving! Our website, www.delanokindred.us, has all the details. Tom Delano has put together a pretty busy two-day agenda for us, but there is still some "quiet time". It all starts on Friday morning, September 17, at our base hotel, the Baymont by Wyndham, with some socializing and genealogy discussions with our genealogist, Muriel Cushing. We will move to the Accomack Room at Plimoth Patuxet Museums in Plymouth for the remainder of our sessions on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday afternoon, author Jennifer Sinsigalli will tell us about *Leiden in the Early 17th Century*, followed by historian Carolyn Ravenscroft on the *Samuel Delano Logbook* and *Amasa Delano's voyages and their influence on Herman Melville's short novel Benito Cereno*. After that, Carolyn will present a *Myles Standish Burying Ground Tour* and the rededication of the restored Benoni DELANO marker therein. Benoni's marker was the DELANO Kindred's most recent restoration project, a source of great pride for us and much appreciated by the local community. Friday evening we've planned a private tour of the Alden House Historic Site with hors d'ouvres, drinks and a presentation by Alden Kindred Executive Director Desiree Mobed on *DELANO and ALDEN Connections*.

Saturday morning will be free time to explore Plymouth and surrounding areas. Our Annual Meeting will be at 1PM, followed by *After the Mayflower*, a presentation by DELANO Kindred Board member Becket Soule. Our annual dinner will start at 6 PM with socializing (and a cash bar) in the Accomack Room, with dinner and a guest speaker beginning at 6:45 PM.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past 6 years, and as Vice President and Board member for a number of years before that. It is an experience I will remember and treasure always. I do feel that we are in need of some fresh ideas and, to that end, I will not be running for re-election again. I have been extremely fortunate to find an eminently qualified individual in the person of Tom DELANO to run for my place as President. Tom is a resident of Duxbury and an Alden Kindred Board member and will, I believe, help us establish a much closer relationship with the towns in which our ancestors lived and worked. As for me, I'm not going anywhere any time soon; I plan to stick around and work on the website.

Cheers and Best Wishes,
Terry Delano, President

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