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Learning about DELANO history and genealogy



The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

Presidents Message – Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

Hopefully, all of your summers have started off very well. We hope attending the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting/Reunion in Maggie Valley, NC is a part of your summer plans. The meeting pre-registrations are good, but we have room for more attendees. If you are still interested, then please see the Annual Meeting/Reunion

agenda and registration information at the end of the newsletter.

Also in this issue, you will learn about the plans for the Delano Kindred website update which will result later this year in a more informative, useful, and fun website.

Lastly, the Delano Kindred merchandise clearance sale has just started, so there is no better time to shop for your DK logo merchandise.

Enjoy this issue of the newsletter and see you next month!

Summer Merchandise Clearance Sale!

Summer is here and our annual meeting and reunion are not far off. Check out the Delano Kindred website and see the new clearance prices on many DK logo items. You will never see lower prices on many of these Delano Kindred items! To shop this Clearance Sale, please click on the link below to go to the Delano Kindred Shop to purchase your Delano Kindred merchandise:

<https://www.delanokindred.us/index.php?rp=/store/general>

WEBSITE UPDATE COMING SOON, BECAUSE...

Our website today, www.delanokindred.us, serves two very important purposes. First, it holds our membership database and handles renewal notices and billing. Second, it serves as a data library containing information about the Delano family in America with the goal of making that information available and accessible to our members. The first part, membership management, is handled well by today's website software. That second part, sharing of information, well, let's just say there is room for improvement. Even so, our website has come a long way from its humble beginnings.

The Delano Kindred first established a website in 1999 courtesy of cousin Ren LeVally, a descendant of Lt. Jonathan. That website was open to everyone and focused on content. In 2004, Ren established a second website and added content intended only for members. Ren did an outstanding job of running and adding function and information to both websites until his servers experienced a catastrophic system failure late in 2009, taking both websites down and leaving them permanently offline.

In 2010, we established a new website, www.delanokindred.us, which still focused on content. Hosted on a commercial server site, it suffered greatly from a lack of content as most of the content on our old servers had been lost. Designed as a Content Management System (CMS), it was very good at interactive exchange of information (think "Blogs"), but there was no membership management capability in the base system. The software was "free," a wonderful deal for our budget, but it was only supported by volunteers; this meant that when something broke there

was nobody we could call (except me) to fix the problem.

We upgraded that website in 2014 when we purchased an add-on code module to handle our membership data and billing process. Prior to that, our membership had been completely managed using spreadsheets and manual processing. However the membership management portion provided by the new module didn't work very well, still requiring manual intervention. Even though we had official support for the module, we still had no software support for the base system. Since we depended on this system to manage our membership and billing information, this proved untenable.

In 2017, we switched our website to a totally different software system and hired a website developer. The system we chose as the base software was WHMCS, a system specifically designed to market web services to customers. It did a fine job of handling user registration, management, and billing, but it did not know how to be a Content Management System. What it did have, however, were a lot of defined code points at which one could attach extra code to add to or modify WHMCS behavior. This allowed our developer to add limited CMS functions to our website.

WHMCS was bought by a larger company in 2019, and since then WHMCS developers have changed their pricing model and made many changes to WHMCS code, sometimes not explaining their changes very well to the development community. Because they distribute their system with encrypted source code, developers are unable to inspect the system code to understand what's really going on "under the covers." Getting support from WHMCS has become a cumbersome and slow process. You might correctly guess that maintaining our website has become a lot more challenging in that environment.

So, this is where we are now. We've had a number of requests to expand the Blogging function on the website. "Why can't I post something and get comments?", for example. There is so much more we could do to improve the system, but it isn't possible on our existing software base. Our new base software will be supplied by Blesta, a California software company that provides similar functions to WHMCS but does so in a very professional, structured, and open manner. Their source code is not encrypted, and they encourage developers to create code modules to add functions to the system. Those modules have full access to all system data, whereas the WHMCS code points had access only to whatever data was passed to the code when it was called. It's a great improvement!

Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Jane Arminda Delano
A Brief Glimpse
by Nick Neagle



Jane Delano was not only a world-renowned nurse; she was a pioneer in her field and also helped lead the way for the creation of American Red Cross Nursing. Born on March 12, 1862, Jane Armina Delano grew up with her mother in Montour Falls, New York. Her father passed away before she was born while serving in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Jane started her career in 1888 when she worked in Jacksonville, Florida with victims of the ongoing yellow fever epidemic, which is the same disease her father died of. She was appalled at the conditions that patients were in while being treated. She began using screens to protect patients by placing screens around each patient's bed. Jane suspected mosquitos as fever carriers and this became critical in the treatment of yellow fever outbreaks. When the Spanish-American War began, Jane joined the New York chapter of the American Red Cross, where she served as a secretary for the enrollment of nurses.

Following the war, she became the director of the Training School for Nurses at Bellevue Hospital until 1909, when she became the Superintendent of the United States Army Nurse Corps, which eventually led her to the presidency of the American Nurses Association. She also worked in Arizona soon after her work in Florida and she helped face another crisis with a typhoid outbreak. Her travels took her all around the United States and eventually back east where she became the chairman of the American Red Cross Nursing Service and the superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps.



Jane Delano is front and center with nurses as part of the American Red Cross Nursing Service

Then Jane led the American Red Cross Nursing Service to become the officially recognized nursing reserve for the Army, Navy, and Public Health Service. She traveled around the world recruiting women to train as nurses and to volunteer for the Army after she retired from the Army Nurse Corps. By the time the United States entered World War I in 1917, over 8,000 nurses were ready to serve immediately. By November of 1918, at least 18,732 nurses were able to volunteer in the war and Jane had a big hand in making that happen. After World War I, Jane Delano continued to recruit nurses and medical workers. She established the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service. She also co-wrote a textbook and created courses in Elementary Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick.



Jane Delano's headstone at the Arlington National Cemetery with a wreath left by the American Red Cross

She traveled to Europe to visit hospitals and the nurses she helped recruit. While in France, she became very sick and needed surgery. After her surgery, her condition worsened, and she was unable to continue working. She died on April 15, 1919, in Savenay, France, and was buried there. A year later, the Army Quartermaster Corps requested to bring Jane Delano's body back to the United States. Jane was moved to the nurse's corner at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for her work as the Director of the Department of Nursing at the American Red Cross. Years later, nurses around the country paid for a memorial to honor her and the other nurses who died in the war. A dedication service was held in April 1934 in the garden at Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, DC.



Jane Delano's Memorial in Washington, DC at the American Red Cross Headquarters that I visited in April 2024.

**JUST OVER 2 MONTHS TO THE 2024 REUNION!!!
REGISTER NOW!!!**



2024 REUNION
DELANO KINDRED, INC.
SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA
MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA



Thursday, 12 September 2024

Delano Day! On the Tennessee Valley Railroad

Departing from Delano, Tennessee at 1:30 PM, returning at 5:00 PM. Enjoy a 50-mile roundtrip through the beautiful lower Hiwassee River gorge. This 4-hour round trip takes you to the top of the famous Hiwassee Loop, where the tracks cross over themselves as they corkscrew up the mountain near Farner, Tennessee. There are only 6 of these loops in North America and this is the only one East of the Mississippi River.

- Snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase on the train, including drinks, chips, candy, t-shirts, caps, and books.
- Trains have enclosed, climate-controlled cars pulled by a diesel locomotive and restrooms on each car.
- Parking is located at **9406 Hwy 411, Delano, TN 37325** (near the Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park ranger office).
- **Please arrive 30 minutes before departure time. Delano, Tennessee, is located in the Eastern Time Zone (EDT).**

If you'd like to incorporate Chattanooga as part of your trip, we can arrange for a 9:45 AM departure on the 65-minute roundtrip Missionary Ridge Local ride that travels to the East Chattanooga Depot where the Soule Shop is located and you can receive a tour of the Soule restoration shop. The trip starts at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum: Robert Murray Soule, Jr., was the founding member and President of the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. Under his tutelage, the

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum became the largest operating railroad museum in the Southeast United States. Let Becket know *immediately* (wbsoule1620@gmail.com) if you are interested in this option: we have been offered special pricing if we book a large enough group far enough in advance!

Supper: Savannah Oaks Winery; 1817 Delano Road, Delano TN 37325 (across the road from the Delano train depot)

(423) 263-1513

Note: Delano, Tennessee is about two to two and a half hours from Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

**Reunion Accommodations at
Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center
103 Living Waters Lane
Maggie Valley, North Carolina 28751-9582**
email: LivingWaters@catholicretreat.org
web page: www.catholicretreat.org
+1 (828) 926-3833

Arrival: Friday, 13 September 2024

Departure: Sunday, 15 September 2024



Friday, 13 September 2024

Breakfast on your own (Joey's, rated the third-best breakfast in North Carolina, is across the street from the retreat center).

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Registration, Murphy Garland Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Board of Directors, Delano Kindred, St Francis Hall

10:30 AM Depart for Biltmore

(The Biltmore House is a Châteauesque-style mansion built for George Washington Vanderbilt II, the youngest son of an American family famous for its wealth, between 1889 and 1895 and is the largest privately owned house in the United States, at 178,926 ft² of floor space and 135,280 ft² of living area. Still owned by George's descendants, it remains one of the most prominent examples of Gilded Age architecture. *George Vanderbilt's guests marveled at the magnificent residence containing 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces covering four acres of floor space. Vanderbilt traveled the world to furnish his home: art by Renoir, Whistler, and Sargent; exquisite 16th-century tapestries; and 24,000 books in seven languages. This afternoon you can visit more than 60 rooms carefully preserved by Vanderbilt's descendants, rooms appearing as they did a century ago.*)



Lunch will be on your own: enjoy the Stable Café for a full meal, or the Biltmore Creamery, Biltmore Bake Shop, or the Courtyard Market for a quicker option. *If there is sufficient interest, we can arrange for a wine tasting at the Antler Hill Winery.*

5:00 PM Return to Living Waters
6:30 PM Banquet, J. Arthurs
 2843 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
 Speaker: Caleb Johnson

Saturday, 14 September 2024

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast, Living Waters
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Annual General Meeting, Delano Kindred, Murphy Garland Hall
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Soule Kindred, St Francis Hall
11:00 AM Depart for Cherokee
12:00 noon Picnic Lunch at Great Smoky Mountain National Park (Collins Creek Picnic Area)
1:00 PM Mingus Mill
2:00 PM Museum of the Cherokee Indians, visit the Archives of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Nearby, you'll find the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual Co-op, the Oconaluftee Indian Village Living History Museum, and the Mountainside Theater, home of the outdoor drama *Unto These Hills*.
5:00 PM Return to Living Waters
6:00 PM Supper (barbecue), Upper Pasture, Saint Margaret's
7:00 PM Talk by Becket Soule on *Mayflower* Descendant Col. William Holland Thomas

Sunday, 15 September 2024

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast, Living Waters
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Reunion Homecoming Service, Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church



Cost:

Registration: \$35 per person

Individual: \$335 (includes room, admission to Biltmore and house tour, banquet on Friday, breakfast, lunch and barbecue supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday)

Married couple: \$500 (includes room, admission to Biltmore and house tour, banquet on Friday, breakfast, lunch and barbecue supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday)

Early arrival (on Wednesday, 11 September or Thursday, 12 September) and/or *late departure* (on Monday morning, 16 September) available for \$50 additional per room per night.

Friday evening banquet: choice of

- o pecan-encrusted bourbon chicken over mashed potatoes
- o 7oz Prime Rib Au Jus with baked potato
- o Vegetarian Pasta with seasonal vegetables and choice of marinara or alfredo sauce

Delano Day: \$75/adult, \$55 children per person [*includes a train ride and dinner at the winery*]

A special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Becket Soule for organizing this event. While much of what you read about the annual meeting/reunion is firm, there may be some slight changes in the coming months. Please watch for any changes. Another email will go out once the online registration page is open for registrations...which we expect to be around the middle of March.

Please click on the following weblink to register for what we expect will be a very exciting Annual Meeting/Reunion:

<https://www.delanokindred.us/2024ReunionRegistrationInfo>

We Look Forward to Seeing You in Maggie Valley, NC!

It has been a while since we last listed new members to the Delano Kindred, so please join me in giving these new 2023-2024 members a hearty welcome!

Stephen Garden

Constance "Connie" Delano

Helen Duryea

Susan Delano

John Patton

Susan Bloom

Julie Wilson

Edward Ryan

Fred Delano

Cameron Roat

Tricia Prellberg

Paul Harris

Nancy Donohue

Michael Duryea

Austin Johnson

Steven Bloom

Call for Nominations for Delano Kindred Directors

Every other year, the Delano Kindred membership votes for 7 directors at the Annual Meeting. The directors, along with the elected officers, make up the Delano Kindred Board. The directors serve for 2 years. They may be re-elected as there are no term limits.

Anyone interested in getting more involved with the Delano Kindred by becoming a director, please send Paula Delano (pauladelano@yahoo.com) your nomination information. The nomination should include a short biography. Here are a few things for consideration:

- All officers elected or appointed shall be voting members in "good standing" and shall be prepared for and be present at board meetings.
- Unless otherwise ordered, regular meetings of the Board shall be held the day preceding the Annual Membership Meeting and one immediately following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting or, if held in conjunction with a DELANO KINDRED Reunion, immediately at the end of the Reunion. Other Board meetings are generally scheduled once every 4 to 6 weeks via Zoom.
- The Board is vested with the direction of the general affairs of the Society and has the general powers necessary for exercising such direction. Each Officer and Director has the authority and responsibility vested upon a Board Member.
- Participate in one or more of the committees.

Thank you very much for considering this position.

Paula Delano, Nominating Committee Chair

Don't Forget - The Delano Kindred Facebook Page

As we reported in earlier issues, the new Delano Kindred Facebook page is up and running. We are seeing 3-4 postings each week on Delano family history and trivia...which is fantastic! Thanks again to Pam Pettengell for writing many very interesting posts. Please also let any Delano descendants know about this page.

Here is a direct link to the Delano Kindred Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551863466059>

See you on Facebook!

A Note for All Members -

If you change your email address, please use the "Contact Us" option on the Delano Kindred website to let us know. Your email addresses are tied to your logins for using the website and you cannot use it or reset your password without a current email. Thank you and let us know of any questions!

**2024 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates
and Board of Director's Meetings
(All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)
June 29 September 13 & 15 November 9
Dates for the 2024 Annual Meeting and Reunion
September 12-15, 2024**

The dates for the 2025 Annual Meeting will be announced soon!

Get Your Delano Kindred Clothing and Merchandise!

Delano Kindred Merchandise

Summer Delano Kindred t-shirt clearance sale!

Show your Delano Kindred spirit with a new classy t-shirt and support the kindred! Prices are reduced for clearance and to generate funds for new merchandise in the future. Shipping is included in the sale price. That's a bargain in this day and age by itself. Purchase early and often to show your Delano Kindred spirit to the world!



DELANO KINDRED 2023-2024

**Elected Officers and Directors, Appointed Committee Chairs and Members,
and Other Appointees**

For complete contact information, refer to the Membership Directory in the members' section of www.delanokindred.us.

OFFICERS (terms expire 2025)

President Thomas DELANO tom.delano@gmail.com	Vice President Matthew DELANO mattyd1980.md@gmail.com	Secretary Margaret L. DELANO mldelano@verizon.net	Treasurer (Interim) Paula DELANO pauladelano@yahoo.com
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