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DELANO KINDRED

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 LA NOYE, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

THE 2003 REUNION CELEBRATING FDR's DELANO HERITAGE

Driving north from Poughkeepsie, New York, you find Springwood, FDR's home, and the Roosevelt Library on the left of the Albany Post Road as you approach Hyde Park. A National Park Service sign marks the entrance to a large graveled parking lot back about 200 yards from the road. On the north side of the parking lot is a gate that leads to a walk through a lovely garden, designed by Beatrix Farrand, which leads to the main house on the Bellefield estate. The venue of the 2003 Reunion was held in the large room that overlooked this lovely garden.

About 60 DELANOs and their families attended all or part of the Reunion. Cousins **Andres and Betty Alcalde Délano** traveled all the way from Santiago, Chile to be with us. From the West Coast, Cousin **Laurie W. Austin** came from Oregon and Cousin **Warren C. DeLano** came from California. Representing the Mountain States were Cousins **John and Katy Delano**, from Montana and



Bellefield and the garden

Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** from Utah. From Michigan came Cousins **Herman and Charlene DeLano**, and Cousins **Cynthia and Ron Prosser**. Cousin **Judith Oppasser** traveled from Pennsylvania. Cousins **Edward and Elizabeth Sullivan** and Cousins **Muriel and Ren Cushing** came from Florida and Cousins **John and Dori Dixon** came from South Carolina. From Virginia came Cousins **George and Diana DeLano**, **Megan Ralph**, **Kitty DeLano** and **Mac Northam**. Author **Jan Pottker** and her husband **Andrew Fishel** came from Maryland. From Maine came Cousins **John and Faith Marsland**. Cousins **Joan and Lloyd Krumm** came from New Hampshire. From Massachusetts came Cousin **Margaret Delano**, Cousins **Robert and Nancy Delano**, Cousins **Justine Fontaine** and **Jeanne Martinez**, Cousins **Dorothea and Bob Harris**, Cousins **Eddie and Bill Ward**, and Cousin **Susan Winkler**. Cousin **Helen**

Rancan, and Cousins **Kathleen and Stephen Lyons** came from New Jersey. Cousins **John, Dorothy, and Linda Somers and Karen Williams**, Cousins **Marilyn Smith and Allen Bomes** and Cousins **Kathy Wadsworth Delano and Ross Delano** all came from Connecticut. New Yorkers included Cousin **Mary Bertschmann**, Speaker **Diane and husband Roy Boyce**, Cousin **Devin Delano**, Cousin **Robert Helms**, Cousins **Robert and Eleanor Webber** and Cousins **Dick and Carol Wolf**. According to the roster and accounting for some late registrants there were two family groups representing the Philip Jr. Branch, six representing the Dr. Thomas Branch, two for the John Branch, nineteen for the Lt. Jonathan Branch and two representing the Samuel Branch.

Bellefield is the National Park Service Headquarters not only for the Roosevelt estate, but also for the Vanderbilt estate close to the north boundary of Hyde Park. Most of the Reunion events were held in the great room at Bellefield, thanks to the courtesy of the National Park Service. Welcome envelopes were received by registering members and contained information about the Reunion and Annual Meeting events as well as information about the town of Hyde Park. Cousins Muriel and Ren Cushing compiled them. Each attendee received a nametag with their DELANO KINDRED branch line of descent.

The Friday evening offered the opportunity to meet and greet new Cousins and visit with everyone after a delectable Welcome Buffet. That evening author **Jan Pottker** gave a very interesting talk about her forthcoming book about Sara Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Several deer and two families of wild turkeys roaming the spacious lawn that fronts Bellefield greeted those arriving at Bellefield early on Saturday morning. After late registration members assembled in the garden for the group photograph, very ably done by **Roy Boyce**. During a break in the Annual Meeting members were able to view the portrait of FDR's grandmother, Catherine Lyman Delano. Although extraordinarily beautiful, the painting need significant restoration which will take some considerable time and funds to accomplish. The portrait may be seen on our website www.delanoye.org.

Author Jan



Left: Andres & Betty Alcalde Delano & George DeLano follow the group to Springwood

Right: Ranger Diane Boyce tells the history of Springwood, with Warren DeLano, Kathleen Lyons & Devin Delano in the background



After the Annual Meeting and a light lunch at the nearby Easy Street Restaurant, members returned to Hyde Park for the tour of Springwood, the Rose Garden, and the Roosevelt Museum and Library.

The Reunion Banquet was an ably catered affair. Members enjoyed the excellently prepared food amidst the setting of the great room with the flags of Canada, Chile, and the United States hung from the mantle of the large

fireplace. After the meal Park Ranger **Diane Boyce** talked to us about Sara Roosevelt and her life at Springwood. She pointed out that Sara had to run the estate for many years because of her husband James', FDR's father's, weakening heart condition.



Sara D. Roosevelt's Rose Garden

On Sunday afternoon, Ranger **Diane Boyce** kindly made arrangements for interested members to take tours of the FDR' "getaway retreat" Top Cottage, located on the eastern side of the Roosevelt Estate and also the Vanderbilt Estate located just north of the town of Hyde Park. Those who had not taken the tour of Springwood were also able to do so on Sunday. Top Cottage was very useful to FDR during World War II, because it allowed a spot with higher security where he could hold discussions with Allied leaders such as Churchill when he was staying at Hyde Park. Frederick Vanderbilt's Estate is an opulent 54-room mansion with spacious grounds that overlooks the Hudson River. Though not as spectacular as the great Vanderbilt mansion "Biltmore" in Asheville, NC, built by his youngest brother George W. Vanderbilt, none-the-less, Frederick's home represents one of the most lavish mansions on the Hudson River. Visits to both of these locations were well worth the while.

We wish to thank Cousins **Muriel and Ren Cushing**, Park Ranger **Diane Boyce**, her husband **Roy Boyce** and others for arranging this Reunion and making it happen. We also wish to thank Cousins **Ren Cushing, Devin Delano, Diana DeLano**, and **Susan Winkler** for sharing some of their Reunion Photos with us.

2004 REUNION

TO BE HELD IN MYSTIC, CT

As announced at the 2003 Annual Meeting, the 2004 Reunion will be held at Mystic, CT and is

now scheduled for Friday, 25 June to Sunday 27 June 2004. We have selected the Hilton Hotel at Mystic as our venue. The emphasis will be on family fun at Mystic Seaport. More details and reservation forms will be included in the Membership Directory and in the March *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since June 2003.

California

Dr. Brian P. Parker of Fair Oaks
Earl H. Delano Jr. of San Gabriel
Mary E. Delano of San Gabriel

Florida

Diana Delano Gardner of Palm Beach Gardens

Arthur G. Larsson of Green Cove Springs

Georgia

Amy M. Stevens of Marietta

Maine

Carol J. Roubo of Limington

Maryland

Virginia B. Bauer of Lusby
Faith B. Marsland of Easton
Janice Pottker of Potomac

Massachusetts

Thomas Bankowski of Lakeville
Jacqueline M. Delano of Lakeville

Missouri

Shirley Jean Howell of Wellsville

New Jersey

John E. Marsland Jr. of Princeton
Lois C Rogers of Wildwood Crest
Martin Bosak of Toms River
Miriam L. Bosak of Toms River

Virginia

John D. Maier of South Riding

Washington

Laurie W. Austin of Kirkland

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!!

2003 REUNION



Carolyn Clarke, Ed Sullivan, Elizabeth Sullivan at the Friday Eve Buffet

Cousins Allen Bomes, Mac Northam, Marilyn Smith, and Judie Oppasser visit.

**DELANO KINDRED tour
Springwood—FDR's home at Hyde
Park**



Margaret Delano talks with Faith and John Marsden at the Saturday Banquet

2003 REUNION GROUP PHOTOGRAPH



Seated (l. to r.): Susan Winkler, Cindy Prosser, Katy Delano, Dorothea Harris, Judie Oppasser, Carol Wolf, Dick Wolf.

1st row (l. to r.): Nancy Delano, John Marsland, Charlene DeLano, Dori Dixon, Edie Ward, Ron Prosser, John L. Delano, Kathleen Lyons, Edward Delano Sullivan, Elizabeth W. Sullivan, Catherine Pickett DeLano, Carolyn Clarke, Betty Furber de Alcalde, Robert Harris, Devin Delano.

2nd row (l. to r.): Bob Delano, Margaret Delano, Faith Marsland, Diana DeLano, Joan Krumm, John Dixon, Mac Northam, Helen Rancan, Herman W. DeLano, Stephen D. Lyons, Robert Helms, John Somers, Megan Ralph, Andres Alcalde Delano,

3rd row (l. to r.): Muriel Cushing, Ren Cushing, Lloyd Krumm, Eleanor Webber, Robert Webber, Bill Ward, George DeLano.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

After over twelve years of serving as Membership Chair Cousin **Nancy B. Delano** has turned over that vital responsibility to Cousin **Carolyn E. Clarke**. The change took place at the end of October. Cousin Nancy will still manage the

sale of Publications such as the GHAARD and the Philip DELANO of the FORTUNE series that we refer to as the DIFP (DELANOs In First Place). Carolyn will merge the management responsibilities of the Membership Chair with that of the Membership Database.

If your DELANO KINDRED membership runs out on 31 December 2003 you will shortly or have already received a renewal invoice as a reminder. This is part of a program approved by your Board this summer. Also you will note a change in the spouse membership category. It is now included in the Family membership. To encourage our members to renew their memberships for longer than one year, a member and spouse will save money on dues by signing up for a three year membership. You will see this change on the new membership renewal form included on this newsletter.

Another change you will notice is the **change in address** where you are to send your membership renewal form. Now all membership renewals and applications forms will be sent to our Treasurer, Cousin **Cynthia A. Prosser** in Michigan. Cousin Cindy will deposit the checks and send the Membership forms onward to Cousin Carolyn in Utah. The process will take close coordination between Cousins Carolyn and Cynthia. We believe this can be achieved through email from computer to computer. Our goal is to spread out the workload that has been carried by Cousin Nancy for many years and also to speed the deposit of your membership check so that it appears in your following month's bank statement. If you send your membership forms to our Duxbury P.O. Box address, Cousin Nancy will forward it west to Cousin Cindy and that will delay your membership being received.

We thank Cousin Nancy for her steadfast effort over the years of handling the membership responsibilities and wish Cousins Carolyn and Cynthia success in implementing this change.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Cousin **A. Brookins Delano** has resigned from his position as Director and as Chair of the Finance Committee due to health reasons. We are sorry to see Brookins leave the Board and we wish him the best and a speedy recovery.

DEPARTED COUSINS

Paul Eich

We recently learned that Paul Eich, husband of Cousin **Elizabeth Eich**, passed away on April 2nd of 2003. Paul and Elizabeth made their home in Grand Haven, Michigan. Besides Elizabeth, their son Robert Eich also of Grand Haven survives Paul. Elizabeth is related to Cornelius Delano of the Dr. Thomas Branch through Conelius's son Captain

George Delano who settled in the Northern Neck of Virginia about 1820. We extend our belated sympathies to Cousin Elizabeth and son Robert.

Carrie Willen Delano

We learned of the death of Carrie Willen Delano; mother of Cousin **Grayson Delano** shortly after the June *Bonnes Nouvelles* was published. Carrie passed away on 17 June 2003. Cousin Grayson is also of the same line as Cousin Elizabeth through a different son of Captain George Delano. Burial was at the Ebenezer Methodist Church Cemetery in Oldhams, Virginia on the Northern Neck. We send our sincere condolences to Cousin Grayson.

Primitivo Alevear Delano

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Primitivo A. Delano of Santiago, Chile on 30 July 2003. Primitivo was 92 years old and an uncle of Cousin **Marcella Moreno-Sepulveda** of State College Pennsylvania. He was a great-grandson of Paul Hinkley Delano Ferguson and a great, great-grandson of Captain Paul Delano Tripp of the Lt. Jonathan Branch through his son Jethro Delano of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Many of you will recall that it was Captain Paul Delano who sailed to Chile and fought in the War of Independence from Spain that was finally gained in 1818. We send our heartfelt sympathies to Cousin Mar and the rest of the Chilean family.

Anton Georg Winkler

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Cousin **Anton Winkler**, husband of Cousin **Susan Dillingham Winkler** on 28 September 2003 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Many of you remember Cousin Anton when he accompanied Cousin Susan to our Reunions. They had attended almost every Reunion since 1998 and so many of us knew Anton.

Anton was an accomplished flutist, an early music specialist and a longtime teacher in the Boston area. He was born in Germany in 1915 and emigrated with his family from Munich to Cleveland, Ohio in 1923. After graduating from High School, he won a state music scholarship to Oberlin College. Graduated in 1939, he auditioned and was selected for the one opening for a flute student at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. His teacher was the renowned flutist William Kincaid of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He was graduated in 1939 and when WW II came he joined the U.S. Navy, played in the Navy Band and taught in the Navy School of Music in Washington, D. C. After the war, Dimitri Mitropolis engaged him to play in the Minneapolis Symphony (now the

Minnesota Orchestra). He stayed in Minneapolis for seven years before he moved to Cambridge to attend Harvard on a G I Bill scholarship. He received an M.A. degree in music from Harvard in 1955 and has lived in Cambridge ever since.

Misfortune struck in the early 1960's when arthritis crippled his fingers so that he could no longer play the flute. He remained a private teacher and continued to teach students how to play the recorder and sing madrigals. Over the years Anton gradually rebuilt two houses, and their gardens, on Bowdoin Street in Cambridge.

We will miss seeing Anton. Besides Susan he leaves a daughter Kathleen, of Mansfield, MA and a son Allan, of West Medford, MA. We will greatly miss seeing Anton and we send our heartfelt condolences to Cousin Susan, daughter Kathleen and son Allen.

KUDOS

Jon Delano Receives Award

Cousin Jon Delano, of Pittsburgh, PA, received the "Good Government Award" from the Greater Pittsburgh League of Women Voters during the League's dinner on 16 October 2003. Cousin Jon is a Political Analyst at the H. John Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. He is a frequent political commentator on Pittsburgh TV stations, and contributes articles to that area's newspapers. He also issues a weekly email commentary on the political situation in western Pennsylvania, thus providing an "outside the beltway" view from that locale. His balanced analysis over the years has earned him this recognition of the League. Jon said, "It was a fun occasion, and it reminded me of how blessed we are in western Pennsylvania to have so many people deeply committed (whatever their views) to our democratic governmental process." Congratulations Jon!

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

DELANO HOTEL

Then and Now

Over the years many of our members have mentioned the DELANO Hotel in South Miami Beach. Cousin **Devin Delano** was recently in Miami on business and contributed some additional information about the hotel. The DELANO is located on Collins Avenue in the heart of the Beach

Art Deco preservation district. Designed by the Bucharest born architect Robert Swartburg, it was built in 1947.

Swartburg was renowned for this architectural style that is classified as "Art Deco style—vertical emphasis." In 1947 the DELANO was one of the tallest hotels in Miami Beach. Devin's research confirmed it was named after FDR and the Roosevelts are believed to have maintained a penthouse in the hotel for many years. Swartburg also designed another hotel—the Marseilles—that followed the same vertical style.

By the 1990's the DELANO was starting to get a little run down. In 1995, Ian Schraegar took over the property and transformed the DELANO into a modern, ultra swank, five-star, hotel. The style is open and breezy and is supposedly a favorite haunt of many luminaries. It boasts of many amenities and has an excellent restaurant on the premises. Gone are the Art Deco style and the old pink colored stucco that was well known on Collins Avenue. The vertical style can still be recognized, but the color for most of the hotel except for the restaurant and perhaps the bar is white. The interior décor has been described as "casual chic urban." *Vanity Fair* magazine described the lobby as "A Surrealist Dream in Three Dimensions."

Cousin Devin also found another building with the DELANO

name a few blocks away on Pennsylvania Avenue in the Beach. The exterior is in the Art Deco style and was also designed by Swartburg. He was unable to find out why it was named DELANO. Devin is still



Delano

attempting to find out more about the hotel and the building. We thank Cousin Devin and all those who alerted us to the hotel's existence. Perhaps we will find out more information later. The DELANO Hotel does have a web page—just ask for DELANO HOTEL MIAMI on Google and you will get it.

Portrait of a de Lannoy Woman

Cousin **Claire Delano Menkel Benet** reports that she has a painting of a woman that resembles the portrait in Plate III of the GHAAHD. Claire believes her grandfather commissioned an exact copy of a portrait that hung in a Netherlands museum, but she does not know the location of the museum. The portrait measures 31 ½ inches x 39 ½ inches and was probably painted by Copernicus L. Hernady who resided in The Hague. She says that at sometime before her grandfather's death he was informed that the painting was not that of Philippe's mother. Claire has compared her painting with the portrait in Plate III and found that although the face resembles the woman in Plate III, the collar of her dress is different. The woman is holding gloves in her left hand and her right hand rests on a jar.

As we know, the portrait in Plate III is the 1650 painting of Maria de Lannoy Pesijn who is not Philippe's mother. Some of you may have seen the small copy of the Plate III painting hanging in the entrance hall of FDR's home at Hyde Park during the Reunion Tour.

While there is no definitive proof that Claire's portrait is a copy of the woman in Plate III, it may be a copy of a portrait of another de Lannoy woman. The copy was probably painted by Hernad in 1950. Cousin Claire is no longer interested in this particular painting and is considering selling it. If you are interested you may contact her. Her address and phone number is in the 2002 Membership Directory and her email is CMBenet@aol.com.

Bertrand Delanoë's Beach along the Seine in Paris

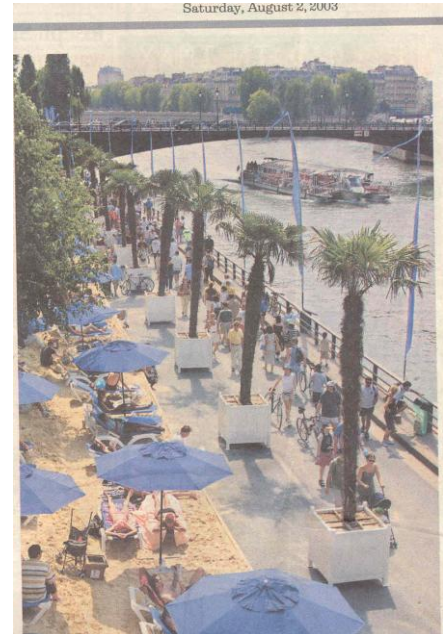
As the long hot and very dry summer devastated France and other European countries, **Bertrand Delanoë**, the colorful mayor of Paris, again brought forth his novel idea for those Parisians who for some reason could not escape to the cooler beaches for the summer. Inaugurated in 2002, his extravagant idea was to bring the beach (le Plage), including sand, palm trees and beach chairs) to Paris for the summer. This year volley ball plus sports and activities for the children were added. Though the month-long beach festival started in cool chilly weather it soon turned

hot and dry. Detractors said it was too costly, would snarl traffic and be a waste of resources.

The quick-witted and dapper Delanoë announced this year's Plage was "dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of Parisians and residents of greater Paris who don't go on vacation."

Many of those wondered if anyone would come to the Plage—described as the world's longest sandbox, stretching from the Tuileries gardens to just past the Ile St. Louis. The Plage, complete with beach shacks, cafes, and strolling musicians, turned out to be a great "hit" with the Parisians. Over 2.3 million visitors came by train from the low-income suburbs as well as many tourists. According to a Paris daily newspaper copycat operations are being established in other parts of Europe—including, Budapest, Berlin and Brussels. Other cities in France, such as Toulouse, Tourcoing, and Wissous now have plages.

We thank Cousins **Warren C. DeLano and John L. Delano** for sending us the Plage information from the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New Yorker* magazine.



✻ Christmas 1620 ✻

Have you ever wondered where Philippe de Lannoy spent his 1620 Christmas? We know how the Pilgrim spent Christmas at "New Plymouth". The Pilgrims were not yet housed ashore. Some of the Pilgrims were on the MAYFLOWER in Plymouth Bay while others were ashore felling trees for timber to build the first houses as well as a platform to hold their small cannons to defend the plantation. *Mourt's Relation*, that chronicles the Pilgrim's first year in the Plimoth Colony, puts it this way.

"Monday, the 25th day, we went on shore, some to fell (trees), bring drink water aboard, but at night the master (of the MAYFLOWER) caused us to

have some beer, and so on board we had divers time and then some beer, but on shore none as all.”¹

Well, we know how the Pilgrims spent the 25th of December, but we are not sure where Philippe was on that date in 1620. We know he was in Plymouth, England, on 5 September 1620. Some, including Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs, supposed he returned to Leiden. However, a popular “tradition” in Canterbury, England, is that Philippe went to that city after the SPEEDWELL, unable to sail on the open ocean, left Plymouth and put into London.

Dr. William Urry, a former Chief Archivist of the Library at Canterbury Cathedral suggests that Philippe could well have been related to the de Lannoy weavers living in Canterbury in 1620 and came to the city after disembarking from the SPEEDWELL. A Canterbury Visitors’ Center pamphlet entitled “Mayflower & later settlers from Canterbury, England” asserts “Another resident of Canterbury, Philippe de la Noye, sailed with the Cushmans.” Robert Cushman was a Canterbury citizen and he, too, arrived at the Plimoth Colony in the FORTUNE.

A Walloon Church was well established in Canterbury in 1620 and records show that there were de Lannoys in the congregation. In fact the first entry in a christening book shows that on 2 July 1581 Judith, a daughter of Anton and Marie de Lannoy, was christened in the Walloon or Strangers’ Church in Canterbury.² A review of LDS data in the Cathedral library disclosed no reference to Philippe de Lannoy. A possible reason for the absence of information is that in 1620 Philippe had already been “in communion” with Robinson’s Leiden congregation of the Green Gate. He was therefore not a member of the Walloon Church and there would be no record of his transfer to the Walloon Church in Canterbury.

Cousin **George DeLano** tried to find other documentation including that of Dr. Urry’s to verify the assertion that Philippe stayed in Canterbury prior to embarking in the FORTUNE in August 1621. He was told that the Dr. Urry was not known for documenting his sources. No other documentation was found, so we are left with an undocumented “tradition” that Philippe spent his 1620 Christmas with some de Lannoy cousins in Canterbury.

¹ The Registers of the Walloon or Strangers’ Church in Canterbury, ed. Robert Hovenden, FSA, Christening Books I & II, pg. 21.

² Mourt’s Relation, Edited by Dwight B. Heath 1963, pg. 42, Applewood Books, Bedford, MA.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

This will be the last *Bonnes Nouvelles* issued in Calendar Year 2003. As the New Year of 2004 arrives so does the time to pay your 2003 Annual Membership Dues if you already have not done so. If your dues run out at the end of 2003 you should have received your dues reminder invoice. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues in advance please look at the mailing label on this *Bonnes Nouvelles*. If, in the upper right hand corner there is a date, in red letters, of Dec. 2003; then your dues will expire at the end of 2003.

In order to continue to be a member in good standing and to continue to receive the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we must receive your 2003 dues. Won’t you please take a moment to renew, NOW? A Membership Renewal form with the new dues mailing address is included in this issue for your convenience.

2003 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* we included the 2003 Annual Questionnaire. Each year in the fall we distribute a questionnaire in order to receive the views of the membership. Your Board will try to act on your suggestion whenever feasible. This year the questionnaire seeks your views about the location and time of year in which our Annual Meetings and Reunions are held. We would also like any comments you might have and your ideas on new initiatives that the DELANO KINDRED might take on in the future.

Please take time to complete and mail your questionnaire to reach us by January 2003. This is YOUR Society and we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas. The results of the responses to the questionnaire will be presented in the March 2004 issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*.

THE 2003 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Twelfth Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President George B. DeLano at 9:00 a.m. in the great room of Bellefield, Hyde Park, New York. After it was determined there was a quorum of over 30 members in good standing present, the President welcomed the members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer, Cynthia Prosser reported the Society had an income of \$10,791.95 (not including the income of \$254.00 of CD interest). Expenditures were \$8772.68. The balance carried forward to FY 03-04 was \$12,738.69.

Auditor's Report. Auditor George DeLano reported close agreement with the Treasurer's Report. Only some minor differences were discovered in the balances of some of the projects in the Operating Account. The Society's total financial resources (cash balance plus CDs) were \$17,909.10 an increase of \$2186.68. Most of these resources were in the Memorial Fund (\$6490.21) which includes the CDs, Advance Dues (\$6023.00), the Publication Sales Account (\$2030.09), and the Reserve Balance (\$2512.81). There was a deficit in the Operating Account of (-\$1304.84) due to reimbursement of bills carried over from last Fiscal Year. Had these reimbursements been paid during the last year most of the various projects in the Operating Account would have been close to budget.

Amendment to Section 1., of Article IV of the bylaws. Vice President John H. Somers discussed the proposed amendment Article IV of the bylaws that allowed Annual Meetings to be held at times during the months of June through October. The amendment was approved by over two-thirds of the members present.

Nominations and Elections. Joan Krumm, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the Nominating Committee's report contained in the Nominee Information Sheet handout. Officers elected were: President, George B. DeLano, Vice President, John H. Somers, Secretary, Charlotte A. Springer and Treasurer, Cynthia A. Prosser. Joan Krumm was elected as a Director and Dura R. Delano was elected to the Nominating Committee. Teller Herman DeLano, reported 33 ballots were cast with all nominees receiving 33 votes.

Committee Report Highlights

Genealogy. Muriel C. Cushing reported that the 2nd Edition of the DIFP has been published by the Mayflower Society. She said the 5th and 6th generations of the family (DIFP 5/6) will be published in two volumes because of the large amount of data. Currently DIFP 5/6 is being reviewed by a Mayflower certified genealogist. She hopes DIFP 5/6 will be published next summer.

Memorial Committee. Robert B. Delano presented the Memorial Committee report of actions taken this year. Permission has been received from the Town of Duxbury and the School Committee to erect a memorial marker with the dimensions of approximately 2 feet by 3 feet. There has been considerable discussion about the wording of the memorial. Upon approval of the design and receipt of direction from the Board, the Memorial

Committee will make arrangements to cast and erect the marker. The latest concept of what the marker might look like was displayed at the meeting. An amended motion was approved for the Memorial Committee to proceed with developing the design of the marker. The Board will provide appropriate tasking guidance to the Memorial Committee.

Membership Committee and Publication Sales. Nancy B. Delano reported on the state of the membership and on the sales of publications. She reported that she had sent out about 60 reminder postcards concerning renewal of dues. She also stated that she had several GHAHDS on hand and was obtaining 2nd Edition DIFPs.

Membership Database and Membership Development. Carolyn Clarke has taken over the responsibility of maintaining our membership database from Verna Finwick. She gave a short report on the membership count and the steps she is taking to maintain the database. With respect to membership development, Carolyn said that committee was challenged to find ways to increase our membership. She stated that we must find ways of attracting younger members since the average age of our membership exceeds 70 years. Since younger potential members are well versed in the use of the Internet, our website www.delanoye.org offers means of reaching younger potential members. The committee has implemented recommendations to redesign information on the website. A "members only" website is under construction and steps are being taken to utilize the website to reduce the workload and save funds associated with newsletters and membership functions. Future plans may include being able to apply for or renew memberships on line as well as sell publications and DELANO KINDRED merchandize on line.

National Contact Committee. Chairman Ernie Towers has reorganized this committee, but he could not attend the meeting. Carolyn Clarke gave his report about the committee's reorganization, its effort to contact members whose membership had expired, and the improved response to genealogical queries received from the DELIST and the website.

Future Plans Committee. Vice President John Somers cited some of the plans for the future of the Society. They included finding new reunion sites in New England as well as in places further west, continuing the practice of holding Board Meetings by email, continuing to improve the high quality of our website, creating a program to provide members to move to positions of greater management

responsibility within the Society, identify other places of DELANO historical importance for historical markers, and continue the effort to achieve tax-exempt status.

History and Internet Committees. Neither Charlotte Springer, Chair of the History Committee, or Ren LeVally, Chair of the Internet Committee could attend. George DeLano gave an overview of their reports. The History Committee has started a notebook/scrapbook that includes the following categories: Guidelines for the Committee, Officers and Board Members, Correspondence, Important DELANOs in History, etc. It is a goal of the Chair of this committee to have a "presence" at annual meetings; for example a person or two dressed as important DELANO characters, an historical trivia quiz, and possibly a token "reward" for a contribution to the information to the newly started notebook.

The Internet Committee maintains four primary sites. Site www.delanoye.org is the main DELANO KINDRED website with other primary sites supporting the Vrouwekerk, the Aalmarkt, the historic Churches in Leiden and is developing a private "members-only" site. These sites have had over 6000,000 visitors, but they seldom visit our main site more than twice because of the age and lack of depth of the information. The challenge is to keep these sites fresh and deep by encouraging all of us to become involved in submitting to the website papers, photos, articles and other items of interest to DELANO researchers.

Progress Made Towards Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status. George DeLano reported that in order to improve our chances to be recognized as a tax-exempt organization we should develop a Scholarship Program that clearly meets the IRS tax-exempt standards. This program is in development.

FY 03-04 Operating Budget. A. Brookins Delano, Chair of the Finance Committee could not attend due to illness. George DeLano briefed the membership about the proposed Operating Budget for the next Fiscal Year 02-03. The membership approved the FY 03-04 Operating Budget below.

**PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

INCOME (Based on a membership of 365 members @ \$12.00 each)..... \$4320.00

EXPENDITURES

Administration (Secretary, Treasurer, Membership)	\$1130.00
Annual & Board Meetings	\$270.00
Genealogy Program	\$122.00
<i>Bonnes Nouvelles</i> Publishing	\$2370.00
Other unbudgeted items approved by the Board.....	<u>\$428.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$4320.00</u> <u>\$4320.00</u>
BALANCE REMAINING	<u>\$00.00</u>

2004 & 2005 Annual Meeting Locations.

The **2004 Annual Meeting and Reunion** will be held in Mystic CT towards the last weeks in June. The **2005 Annual Meeting and Reunion may be held in Salt Lake City, UT** during September or early October to avoid the August high temperatures. 2003 Annual Questionnaires. The President encouraged everyone to complete the 2003 Annual Questionnaire. It is an opportunity for the Membership to let the Board know their views. The Board takes these questionnaire responses into consideration before making decisions.

The meeting broke at 10:4 a.m. to visit the FDR Library to view the portrait of FDR's grandmother Catherine Lyman Delano. It reconvened at about 1120 a.m. and adjourned about 12:15 a.m.