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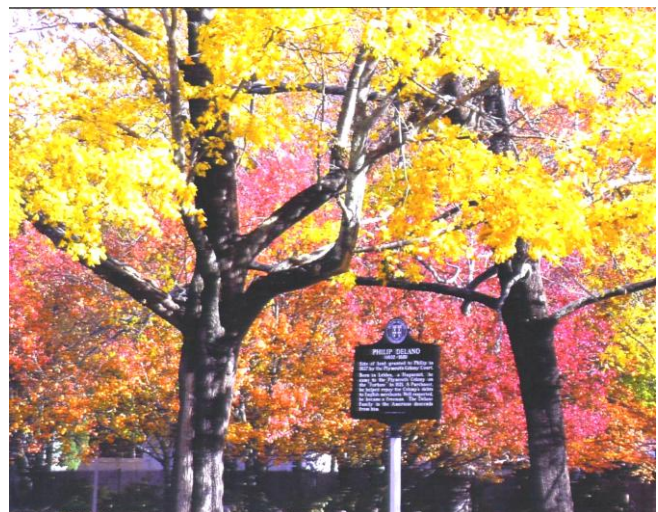
The DELANO KINDRED is a Society, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Philippe de Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at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

FROM THE EDITOR

You will note that this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles* is several pages shorter. Your editor will be moving at the end of March to the northern Virginia area; consequently the time to publish this newsletter was shortened significantly. In this issue we include additional information about the June 2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion at the Indian Head Resort near Lincoln, New Hampshire. We have included articles about the DELANOs who settled in that state, the 2009 Annual Questionnaire Results, as well as other articles. Please note the change in address to where you should send your Reunion reservation and registration forms on 31 March. This address is included on the updated forms that were inserted in the 2009 Membership Directory and in this issue of the *Bonnes Nouvelles*. Finally we remind everyone that it is time to submit nominations of candidates for the Annual Charity Drawing. Please see the article included in this issue and the inserted form for your use.

AN AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PHILIP DELANO MEMORIAL MARKER

We were very pleased to receive a copy of a Duxbury calendar photograph of the Marker Memorializing our ancestor, Philip Delano (Philippe de Lanoy), from Cousin **Chuck Walker**. Many of you will recall that the DELANO KINDRED was able to install this marker on the land that was once part of the initial 40 acres of land granted to Philip Delano in 1637 “bounded by the land of John Alden lying on the south side, the sea on the east side, and the lands of Edward Bumpass on the west side”¹ Currently the property is part of the Ellison High School. The marker is installed in the front yard of the school.



¹ Plymouth Colony Records 1:67

This beautiful photograph was taken by Joan Troy and appeared in a Duxbury 2009 Calendar as the photograph for the month of September. Joan captured the wonderful crimson colors of the Copper Beech in the background on the side of the school property. The beech colors contrast well with the brilliant golden yellows of the maples in the foreground. We thank Cousin Chuck for thoughtfully sending it to us so that we could all enjoy the beauty of this scene.

2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion in New Hampshire

Our 2010 Annual Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Indian Head Resort near Lincoln, New Hampshire on Wednesday



16 June and Thursday 17 June 2010. The resort is located in the White Mountain National Forest near Franconia Notch. Franconia Notch (elevation 1950 feet) is a major pass through the White Mountains for routes I-93 & US 3 in New Hampshire. It lies principally within Franconia Notch State Park which is dominated by Cannon Mountain and includes the spectacular Flume Gorge. Other attractions include Clark's Trading Post with Bear Shows and Mountain Train ride and the Cannon Aerial Tram that takes visitors to the 4,180-foot summit of Cannon Mountain in under ten minutes. On a clear day, you can see the mountains of four states and Canada! At the summit, you'll find spectacular scenic walking paths, a 360 degree



observation deck, a cafeteria and restrooms.

Getting there: One must travel by car to the Indian Head Resort. The closest airport served by major airlines is located at Manchester about 80 miles south of the Resort. Interstate highway

I-93 provides the easiest access to the White Mountain area where the resort is located. Follow I-93 and take Exit 33 (North or South) and follow the signage to the Indian Head Rock Profile and Indian Head Resort - this puts you on Route 3 - The Resort is located 1.5 miles north on Route 3.

Reunion Advance Registration and Reservations:

To adequately plan and support the meals and other reunion events, we must have advance notice of those who plan to participate in each event. Reunion Advanced Registration and Reservations should be made by **2 June 2010**. **Please note the address change on the inserted Registration and Reservation Form.** Because of your Editor's pending move please make sure that these forms are sent to Cousin **Carolyn Clarke** at her Utah address listed on the form. This will help to eliminate any delay in forwarding these forms to her.

Guestroom Accommodations:

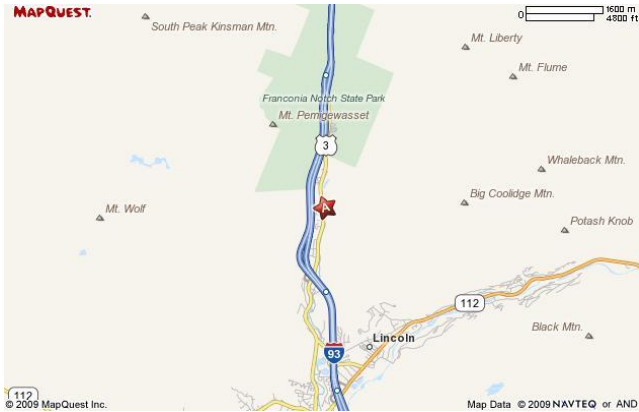
Accommodation arrangements have been made to include a choice of the following:

- Updated Cabins at a per night rate of \$69.00 plus a 9 percent tax or about \$75.25 per night
- Notchview Rooms (looking towards Franconia Notch) at a per night rate of \$99.00 plus a 9 percent tax or about \$108.00 and, if desired, there is an option to upgrade to a Lakeview Room (overlooking Shadow Lake) at a nightly rate of \$119.00 plus a 9 percent tax or about \$130.00



We have blocked 25 rooms and 5 cabins for Wednesday night 16 June, and Thursday night 17 June with a smaller number for Tuesday night 15 June for those who wish to arrive early. If more rooms or cabins are needed they can be

added. Individual guestroom reservations must be made **prior to Sunday 16 May, 2010** to secure these rates. We strongly suggest you call at your earliest convenience to assure obtaining a



room at the blocked rate. Please call the Indian Head Resort at the toll free number 1 (800) 343-8000 or 1 (603) 745-8000. The Reservation Office hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM Eastern Time. All guests should identify themselves as members of the **DELANO Reunion Group**. You will receive a confirmation number for your room reservation. Room reservations can be cancelled without penalty if the notice of cancellation is received 72 hours in advance.

Reunion Registration:

Registration check in will be held near the Lakeview Room from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registrants will receive a "Welcome Envelope" containing Reunion information and nametags. Late registration will be held from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday in the room assigned for the Annual Meeting.

Events:

The first **Genealogical and Informational Symposium** held at the 2009 Reunion in Williamsburg was favorably received. We have scheduled this event on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on 16 June 2010.

The **Welcome Light Buffet Dinner** will be held in the Lakeview Room at 6:00 PM. The Buffet will be served at 7:00 PM with a one-hour cash bar available starting at 6:00 PM. It will be a night of fellowship and pleasantries where one can meet and greet new members as well as visit

with old acquaintances. Genealogical consultations will also be available. Other events may also be scheduled that evening. The buffet menu will include: Soup and Chowder du Jour, Assorted Sliced Deli Meats, Chips and Pickles, Salads, a variety of breads, lettuce, Tomato and onions, desert bars, cookies and coffee and tea. Our evening speaker will be Sybil Carey who will tell us about the *Heritage Project*.

On Thursday at 9:00 AM, the **2010 Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in the same room. We plan to have the minutes and the committee reports available in advance at registration to reduce the overall time of the Annual Meeting as we did last year. We plan to have the group photograph after this meeting.

Lunch and Tours: Lunch will be at each individual's

option to increase everyone's flexibility. If there are a significant number of attendees who are interested



in visiting a particular site on Thursday, 16 June, we will attempt to make arrangements for a group rate at this site. Please be sure to state your tour site interest on the Reunion Registration form.

The **2010 Banquet Dinner, Thursday**, will be served at 7:00 PM in order to give those on tour time to freshen up after returning to their guestroom. The



one-hour cash bar will again be available starting at 6:00 PM. The Banquet Dinner includes an entrée choice of Roast Turkey Dinner (mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, gravy, and cranberry jelly) or Baked Haddock, served with Rice and a vegetable. . A vegetarian entrée of penne pasta

with roasted vegetables will also be available. Accompaniments include rolls and butter, coffee and tea. A dessert display with Cheesecake, Chocolate Cake, Apple Pie and Indian Pudding (an Indian Head Resort Specialty) will be available. The evening presentation will be a visit by Capt. Samuel Delano Jr.

A NOTE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER POSTAGE FOR THIS ISSUE

Each year at mid-March the annual charge for a bulk rate permit is due. When we went to the Post Office we found that this permit cannot be transferred to another post office bulk rate area. In other words our permit only allows us to mail the newsletter at bulk rate from Virginia Beach. The permit is not transferable to another post office bulk rate in northern Virginia – for example. We also found we could not extend the existing bulk rate permit for a few days to the end of the month. Therefore we found ourselves in a “catch 22” situation and are forced to mail this issue of the newsletter at a postage rate higher than bulk rate.

When your editor settles in a new location, a new bulk rate permit will be applied for at an appropriate post office near his new home.

DELANO KINDRED WEBSITE STATUS

As reported in the November-December 2009 *Bonnes Nouvelles* we reported that your Board had approved a plan to find a satisfactory commercial web site provider to host our two websites and begin the transfer of the vast amount of information to the web hosting site. When the transfer of information from these old sites has been completed, steps will then be taken to activate the two new sites, while maintaining our two domain names—delanoye.org and delanokindred.org.

We have found a satisfactory commercial web hosting site that has a reputation for excellent service. The annual cost will be a little over \$200.00 per year. The transfer on information

has begun and it is hoped that we will have completed the transfer by mid-June.

Progress in this plan for our two websites will be discussed in more depth at the 2010 Annual Meeting in June.

TENATAIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DELANO KINDRED REUNION INDIAN HEAD RESORT, LINCOLN, NH 16 JUNE TO 18 JUNE 2010

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

- 9:00—11:00 AM Board Meeting & Choice of Tours (individual option)
12:00—1:00 Lunch (individual option)
1:00—3:00 PM Genealogical and Informational Symposium in the Lakeview Room
4:00—6:00 PM Registration near the Lakeview Room
6:00—11:00 PM Welcome Light Buffet and Program in the Lakeview Room (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00 PM) Buffet served at 7:00 P M
Heritage Project Presentation by Sybil Carey

Thursday, 17 June 2010

- 8:30—9:00 AM Late Registration in the Annual Meeting in the Lakeview Room
9:00---11:00 AM Annual Membership Meeting
11:00—11:15 AM Group Picture
11:30 —12:45 PM Lunch (individual option)
1:00 – 5:00 PM Choice of Tours
5:00 –6:00 PM Return to Resort Free time
6:00 —11:00 PM Annual Banquet with Speaker in the Lakeview Room (Cash Bar Service starting at 6:00PM) Dinner served at 7:00 PM
Presentation: A Visit by Capt. Samuel Delano Jr.(1739-1853)

Friday, 18 June 2010

- 9:00—11:30 AM Board Meeting

CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE

After the recent earthquake in southern Chile, we were very concerned about the welfare of our DELANO Cousins who live there. From Cousins **Jorge Delano** and **Andres Delano Alcalde** emails it appears our Chilean relatives were spared from injury, but some suffered material damage. Both Cousins reported the major damage and loss of life were in the southern part of Chile – south of Valparaiso.

Cousin Jorge points out that Captain Paul Delano, the progenitor of our Chilean cousins, lived in the devastated area years ago – the area that includes Concepcion and Talcahuano. In his book, *Captain Paul Delano, the founder of the Delano family in Chile*, Jorge quotes the reports of the 1835 Earthquake from Captain Fitzroy, of the HMS BEAGLE, and the naturalist, Charles Darwin. Captain Fitzroy's report described the three huge tsunami waves generated by the 1835 earthquake and the extraordinary height of the water.

“By a marked part of the wall of Captain Delano's house, it was ascertained that the body of water reached twenty-five feet above the usual high water. It penetrated the first floor rooms leaving seaweed hanging to the remains of roofs, or to the tops of broken walls. But it must not be taken as the general height of the wave. A body of water rushing upon a sloping beach with such force would naturally preserve its impetus for some time and run up an inclined plane, to a great height.”² Captain Paul Delano, writing to his cousin Jabez Delano of Fairhaven, MA, told of his own harrowing experience in Talcahuano where he was forced to flee for his life to the nearby mountains. Paul stated “I have lost every thing (sic) I possess on earth and now I am ready for the first fashion”³

We thank Cousins Jorge and Andres and hope all is well with their families.

² Jorge Delano , pg 73, *Captain Paul Delano, the founder of the Delano family in Chile*, Jorge, quoting passages of he narrative of Capt. Robert Fitzroy, *Narrative of the voyage of the HMS “BEAGLE”*

³ GHAAHD pg 473, Transcription from Capt Jabez Delano Jr. (1799-1874) Notebook

DELANO REUNION TO HIGHLIGHT ORAL HISTORY and a “VISIT” FROM CAPT. SAMUEL DELANO of DUXBURY

By Carolyn Clarke

Family History has recently been featured in both public and network television as well as in popular magazines. In all of these presentations the importance of oral history has been acknowledged.

The DELANO KINDRED members have diligently researched their ancestors and we are creating solid information on the family in America.

Many of us are senior citizens, and a number of our members are over the age of 85 - all the way to 103. It is now time to start collecting the histories and recollections of our living members, both young and old.

The 2010 reunion at Indian head Resort in the White Mountains of New Hampshire will offer attendees the opportunity to record an oral history. We are fortunate to have found a local librarian who is a champion of oral history. Sybil Carey will be our guest at the Welcome Buffet. Following dinner she will tell us how she became involved with oral history and how she turned her passion into a small business, *The Heritage Project*. She will also offer guidelines for creating an oral history and show the oral history kits that she has created. Members will have the opportunity to purchase Sybil's oral history kits at a discounted price. On Thursday afternoon we will have several interview/recording stations set up for members to make oral history recordings. For those who are do not wish to purchase a *Heritage Project* kit, blank tapes will be available.

We encourage everyone, young and old, to participate in this project. Your family will be excited to know that your memories have been preserved.

Thursday evening following the banquet we will be treated to a presentation by Cousin **Tom Delano** and a cast of super stars. They will be recreating scenes from the papers of Capt.

Samuel Delano of Duxbury. This program received great reviews when it was presented at the Duxbury Library.

In addition to the oral history project and other events, there are many options for individuals to enjoy the area – ride the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, visit Franconia Notch State Park, or drive the scenic Kancamagus Highway. Nearby Bretton Woods is a site of a famous conference in which FDR participated.

There is so much to see and do that you may want to extend your stay in the White Mountains.

2009 Annual Questionnaire Results

We wish to thank all those members who took the time to send in their Annual Questionnaires. Your Board takes these questionnaire responses into consideration in their deliberations. Here are the results of your responses.

Reunion Venues: Over all venues, San Antonio Texas was favored by 43% of all respondents. That city was also the most favored city in the Southwest with Austin and the Dallas/Ft.Worth area each receiving 15% of the votes. In the Midwest Delano, Minnesota, was favored with 30 % by all respondents followed by St. Louis with 20 %. In the West Coast Area, Portland, Oregon was favored by 21% of all respondents over Seattle, Washington and Monterey, California. Only a few of the respondents favored the Mountain States with Denver receiving 14%. Several respondents indicated they wanted reunions in the East around the Plymouth/Duxbury area where we have had the majority of our reunions. At least one respondent indicated interest in the venues in Arizona.

Age Groups: Most of the respondents were 75 to 85 years old with several over 85 and a lesser number in the 60 to 75 year old bracket.

Occupations: As one might expect almost all respondents were retired, There was a wide array of past occupations ranging from government work including military service, medicine, personnel & sales positions, education, logging, aviation, real estate, teaching, geological and environmental business, homemaking, and contractual plumbing and inspection.

Newsletter and Labels: Almost all respondents were aware that we include articles from our members in the *Bonnes Nouvelles* and all were aware their address labels contain the December year their dues expire.

Genealogical Program: While 64% of the respondents knew, as members, they were eligible to participate in the DELANO KINDRED Genealogy Project; 36% indicated they did not know this. Since 2003 we have sent “Welcome Letters” that included a Genealogy Project Preliminary Form and their first membership card to all new members. However, 60% of the respondents thought they did not receive a Genealogy Project Preliminary Form with their first membership card. 63% indicated they had not received a Genealogy Project Worksheet (which is sent upon completion of the Preliminary Form). Another 63 % of the respondents knew they would be eligible to receive a DELANO KINDRED Certificate indicating they have documented their descendancy and thereby contributed to our Genealogy Project.

Membership: Only 18 % of the respondents indicated their children were members and fewer indicated their grandchildren were members. 36% said some of their relatives were members and 57% said their spouses were members.

Several members indicated that because of their age they were not able to attend reunions although many had attended our gatherings in the past.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since December 2009.

Illinois

Paul Anderson from Belleville

Ruth Anderson from Belleville

New York

David DELANO from Cheektowaga

Margaret Ann DELANO from Cheektowaga

WELCOME ABOARD COUSINS!! We look forward to many years of fellowship with each of you and we hope that membership in the DELANO KINDRED will be a source of pride and pleasure for you.

**DELANO KINDRED Annual
Charitable Drawing
Charitable Organization Candidates
Needed**

**Do you have a name of a Charitable
Organization for this Drawing?**

The 2010 Reunion will be the occasion of our second Annual Charitable Drawing. This drawing provides a one-time gift to a qualified local museum, conservancy or like institution whose holdings include DELANO documents, artifacts or memorabilia. These institutions must be a qualified tax-exempt 501 3 (c) organization. As a DELANO KINDRED member you are encouraged to submit the name of a candidate organization that you wish to be considered by filling out the form provided as an insert in this newsletter to Charitable Program Committee Chair, Cousin **Paula Delano** at the address on the form. You need to include the IRS Tax ID. Number or Employee ID. Number which you can obtain from the candidate organization. Because the Charitable Program Committee reviews and selects those organizations that meet the standards of qualification, you should briefly describe the organization and what it does. Then briefly tell what DELANO items it has (such as artifacts, documents, or other holdings) or what programs it sponsors that are related to the DELANO family.

Please send your form to Cousin Paula so that she receives it by **5 June 2010**.

The Charitable Program Committee will review the candidates submitted to assure the qualifications are met. At the 2010 Reunion a drawing will be held of all qualified candidate organizations. The name of the candidate drawn will receive a check for \$100.00 from the DELANO KINDRED and that organization's name will be withdrawn and "retired" from consideration for the next Annual Drawing. If, at some time in the future, all qualified organizations have been selected then all the previously selected organization names would "come out of retirement" and be placed back into future drawings.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to help support these institutions either large or small that may not be well known or well-endowed that have DELANO items in their holdings.

**News from Photographer
James Whitlow Delano**

Cousin **James Whitlow Delano** reports a work of his from a photographic study of conditions on the U.S./Mexican border is currently on display at the 2009 Noorderlicht International Photofestival being held in Groningen, The Netherlands, through 4 October.

As many of you know Cousin James's studio is located in Tokyo, Japan. His photographic essays include scenes from the rainforests of Southeast Asia to the Silk Road in Central Asia, as well as to Africa, Europe and North America. His work has appeared in New York Times Magazines, National Geographic Books, GEO, Newsweek, Mother Jones, Time Asia, Internazionale, and Le Monde 2. Besides Japanese, he is conversant in the Italian and Spanish languages.

In 1985 Cousin James was graduated from the University of Colorado at Bolder, with honors in Journalism and was accepted into the Harvard University's School of Special

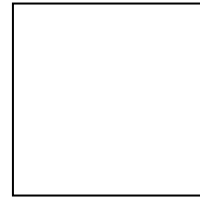


Studies. He is the brother of the late **Jeanne L Delano**. Cousin Jeanne was a member and a former Director of the DELANO KINDRED 1994 through 1997.

James has exhibited his photos in various countries since 1993 and we have covered several of his exhibitions in Italy and in The Netherlands. His photos of China were recently in an exhibition at the Noorderlicht Photogallery in 2008. This year, a photo taken from his recent work showing a sign cautioning drivers about Mexican aliens fleeing across a border road, appears in the portion of the Noorderlicht exhibition dedicated to the Human Condition and the Pursuit of Happiness.



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**THE 2010 REUNION IS AT INDIAN HEAD RESORT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
ON JUNE 16 AND 17 – SEE DETAILS INSIDE**

THE DELANO KINDRED *BONNES NOUVELLES*

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It is planned to publish the next *BONNES NOUVELLES* #64 at the end of August 2010, and the following three *Bonnes Nouvelles* as indicated: #65 (Nov.- Dec. 2010), #66 (Mar.-Apr. 2011) and # 67 August 2011.

Articles and information about descendants of the DELANO family are always welcome and greatly appreciated by your editor. Every effort will be made to include them as soon as space permits. Comments and requests for back copies may be requested by writing to George B. DeLano, Editor, (hopefully in May) at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148. The cost is currently \$3.50 per copy.

It has been our practice to mail one *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member-household address. We would be happy to mail one copy of each issue of the *BONNES NOUVELLES* to each member at a household address if desired. It may be desirable, especially in the case of Family Memberships that more than one copy is sent to an address. If you wish an additional copy for another member in your household, please send the name and membership number of that member to the editor.