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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.

Presidents Message – Tom Delano

Greetings Delano Kindred members,

This October/November issue will conclude the report on the 2024 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting/Reunion that was held in Maggie Valley, NC. It was another excellent annual meeting/reunion and many thanks go to Rev. Dr. Becket Soule for organizing this event.

You will also read about the new Delano Kindred website which is about to launch. George "Terry" Delano did an excellent job planning and working with BreeSoft LLC, the website developer. Presently, our new website will "go live" on November 30th, so please look for it then. The second article in this issue will give you more information on the new website.

Once the new website has "gone live" look for an email reminder to renew your Delano Kindred membership for 2025 if you haven't already done so.

Best wishes to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Tom Delano

2024 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion in Maggie Valley, NC

Part 2 – Sept. 14 & 15 Events

Saturday, Sept. 14

After a very exciting first two days of the Delano Kindred Annual Meeting, we needed to get down to the business at hand. We began with the 9:30 AM Annual meeting in the Living Waters parish hall. You can see Kris Delano and Paula Delano checking in members and guests for the meeting and then President Tom Delano conducting the meeting.



In the photos below, we have Gene Marcinkowski and Terri Sorensen presenting the slate of board candidates to the meeting membership. Next, you will see Terry Delano discussing the plans for the Delano Kindred website overhaul presentation that is taking place. After the annual meeting was concluded, you will see we took a group photo of all Delano descendants and guests who attended the annual meeting.



Once we concluded the annual meeting, we all got into our cars and drove over to a picnic area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park which was about an hour or so away. It was a beautiful drive over there. After we finished the picnic lunch, we then drove over to the Mingus Mill to view where the locals once ground their corn for cornmeal.



In the photos below, you will see our last stop at the park at the Mountain Farm and Museum. We learned that Cousin Franklin Delano Roosevelt dedicated the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on September 2, 1940, and the first photo is the chair FDR used at the dedication. Lastly, a group of Delano Kindred members gathered at BearWaters Brewing Co. in Maggie Valley to review the day and sample some of the beers on tap.



The first photo below shows our excellent host, the Rev. Dr. Becket Soule, assisting in the set-up of the BBQ dinner at the parish house. It was a great dinner as you will see in the next photo.



Sunday, Sept. 15

After another delicious breakfast at the Living Waters, many of us attend the Sunday church service at nearby St. Margarets Catholic Church where our host, the Rev. Dr. Becket Soule, is the parish rector. The first photo is of the church and the second is of Rev. Becket Soule leading the Mass. Once the Mass was ended, Terry and Tom Delano chatted with Becket outside of St. Margarets.



Sadly, less than two weeks after the Delano and Soule Kindreds met in Maggie Valley, the greater Asheville NC area (including Maggie Valley) was just devastated by Hurricane Helene. As you all have seen, the damage was very extensive with whole towns washed away. Fortunately, Maggie Valley fared a little better than some of the nearby towns, but there is still much damage. Had Hurricane Helene passed through while we were meeting there, it perhaps could have been tragic. Again, it was fortunate, that Becket's church came through the storm with only slight damage and the temporary loss of utilities. St. Margarets is back open and conducting services. Please keep the many victims of Hurricane Helene in your thoughts and prayers!

Delano Kindred Website Update By Terry Delano

What's Happening

We are changing to a new website! The base software that runs our new site is

called “Blesta.”[1]

Our website fulfills two primary objectives for us. First and most important, it is our ‘accounting’ system and keeps track of our memberships and handles the annual billing. Second, it serves as our BLOG[2] site as well as the Delano Kindred Library and document repository. Our current website software adequately meets the first objective, but the second one is much less successful. Increasing difficulty in maintaining or enhancing the existing website software has prompted us to seek an alternative solution, one better suited to our purposes and easier for us to maintain.

What Is Changing

Our old website software used our Delano Kindred Members Numbers to keep track of services and billing, making it difficult for us to distinguish bill-payers from family members. Accounting and Delano Kindred Membership details were intertwined throughout the website. The new website makes a clear distinction between Accounting and Membership details. The Accounting portion of the website breaks us up into *Clients* (those who pay the bills) and *Contacts* (family members of Clients) and assigns an ID number to everyone. Both Clients and Contacts may also have a Delano Kindred Member Number. *Please note: Client, Contact, and Delano Kindred Member Numbers will all be different numbers. The Client and Contact numbers are used for accounting purposes only; Delano Kindred Member Numbers are completely different and are used on the BLOG portion of the website. Those are your existing Delano Kindred Member Numbers and they are not changing.*

Because of that, things will look very different when you log on, as the “My Account” page has changed a lot. Here is a sample My Account page:

The screenshot displays the 'My Account' interface for Barney Rubble. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Membership, Projects, Reunions, Library, Contact Us, Shop, and Blog, along with the user's name 'Barney Rubble'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Client Information:** Client #876, Barney Rubble, 137 Rock Creek Dr, Bedrock, AL 22222 US, and email barney.rubble@bedrock.net.
- Membership Information:** Date Joined: 10/21/2024, Member Number: 3, Membership Type: DS, Membership Expires: 12/31/2025.
- Contacts:** Betty Rubble is listed as a contact.
- Account Metrics:** 1 Service, 0 Invoices, and 1 Order.
- Invoices:** A section showing 'You have no Open Invoices.'
- Services:** A table listing active services. One service is shown: 'DS] - Descendant Member + Spouse' for 1 Year @ \$33.00, created on Oct 21, 2024, and expires on Jan 01, 2026.
- Transactions:** A table showing a recent transaction: a check for \$43.00 on Oct 21, 2024.
- Quotations:** A section showing 'You have no Pending Quotations.'

This is the “My Account” screen for Barney Rubble on our test system.

Barney can see all the details of his membership at a glance:

1. His Client Number (#876);
2. His contact information, including email address;
3. Any Contacts (Betty, his wife) included in his membership;
4. His membership information (date joined the Kindred, Member Number (3), membership type (DS), and date his membership expires);
5. The number of “Services” he has (should be 1, that is his DS membership).
6. The number of Invoices he has outstanding (0);
7. The number of Orders he has in the system (1, that is his original membership order);
8. Details of the membership service(s) he has;
9. Details on any transactions he has made (membership payments, etc.).

Clicking on the Delano Kindred logo in the upper left of the screen will always take you to the website’s Welcome page. Clicking on the “Home” Tab will do the same unless you are logged on; in that case, you’ll be shown your “My Account” screen. Here are some things you should know about this change:

1. **Your old PASSWORD has not been carried over to the new system.** The new system does not know what your old password was, so ***you will have to reset your password the first time you log on as a member.*** Your EMAIL Address is still your User ID.

2. In the example above, Barney can click on the “Change” edit button to update his contact information (including privacy settings and password changes), or click on “Betty Rubble” to update her contact information.
3. There is an “Add Contact” button, but it is disabled. You will need to contact the site administrator (via Contact Us” tab) to add another person or change your email address.
4. Clicking on the Delano Kindred LOGO (upper left on the screen) will always take you to the WELCOME page.
5. ON THE WELCOME PAGE, you’ll now see multiple POSTS displayed instead of just one. A Description of the Post will be shown, followed by a “Read More” button to click should you want to read the full post.
6. Creating new BLOG Posts and adding comments to posts and comments made by others is now allowed *for logged-on members only*.
7. There is a new BLOG category: “Suggestions for Improvements.” As the name suggests, we are hoping that if you have comments or suggestions for improving the website, you’ll post them there.

There is a lot more to discover. Please take a few minutes to log on and reset your password. If you have any trouble, please use the “Contact Us” tab to send us a message.

[1] From the Blesta.com website: Blesta comes from the root word "blest" (blessed), from the Latin word "benedicere", meaning **to praise**. In later Old English it meant to make happy.

[2] From Wikipedia: A blog (**a truncation of "weblog"**) is an informational website consisting of discrete, often informal diary-style text entries (posts). Posts are typically displayed in reverse chronological order so that the most recent post appears first, at the top of the web page.

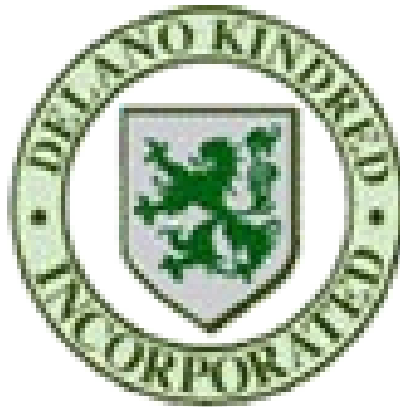
Herman Warren DeLano **5/14/1933 - 7/11/2024**

Herman Warren DeLano, aged 91 years old passed away on July 11th, 2024. He was born on May 14th, 1933 to Herman and Betty DeLano in Allegan Michigan. He attended the Allegan Episcopal Church of Good Shepard. He graduated from Allegan High School and was very active in sports. He attended Miami of Ohio University and Michigan State University and was a member of the Delta Kappa Fraternity. He received a BS degree in Geology and a BA degree in Geography. He spent 3 years in the US Army in the Chicago Gary Missile Defense system. He worked at Williams & Works Engineering Co. in Grand Rapids, MI for many years, and later was a partner in the Aqua Tech business. He retired to a Lake Michigan home near Shelby, Michigan. He was a member of the Pentwater Episcopal St. James church, the Benona Golf Club, the Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Breakfast group, and the DeLano Kindred Genealogy Society. He is survived by his brother and wife, George and Diana DeLano; and his granddaughter and husband, Bridget and Jon Bartholomew with great-grandson, Harrison Bartholomew, and great-granddaughter, Goldie Bartholomew of San Diego, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene

Y. DeLano, and son, Paul H. DeLano.

After cremation, he will be placed in Graceland Mausoleum in Grand Rapids, Michigan with his wife, Charlene, and his son, Paul.

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/herman-delano-obituary?id=55623106>



New Delano Kindred Members

Please give a warm Delano welcome to the following new members of the Delano Kindred:

Roslyn Haddock, Denver Colorado

**2024 Key Delano Kindred Meeting Dates
and Board of Director's Meetings
(All Times at 12:00PM Eastern Unless Noted)**

**Dates for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion
*September 12-14, 2025***

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!

DELANO KINDRED 2024-2025

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