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## *Learning about DELANO history and genealogy* 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 Lanoy, the progenitor of most DELANOs in the Americas, who arrived at Plymouth in 1621 on the FORTUNE.

### FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue we have included information about the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting as well as highlights of our 2012 Reunion held in Fairhaven Massachusetts. Also included is news from our members and information concerning the progress of some of our ongoing programs and projects. We thank Cousin **Ren Cushing** for providing many of the photographs as well as other members who provided information, news and photographs. We are concerned about the damage and loss of power to our members who bore the brunt of the recent terrible storms on our East Coast and we wish all a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

### The 2012 Annual Membership Meeting

**Call to Order:** The 2012 Annual Membership Meeting was held in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, 15 September 2012. President **Muriel Cushing** called the meeting to order about 9:15 AM.

**Secretary's Minutes, Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports:** The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were approved. The Treasurer and Auditor Reports for FY11-12 were approved.

**Elections:** Elections for Directors of the DELANO KINDRED and for two positions on the Nominating Committee were held. The Directors elected at the 2012 Annual Meeting for two year terms were: Richard Wolf, Donald Platt, Paula DELANO, Margaret Beals, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Bertschmann, and David Grinnell. Elected to the Nominating Committee were: Linda Grant (for a two year term) and Douglas Hoppe (for a three year term).

**Budgets for FY 12-13:** The Membership approved the FY12-13 Administrative Operations Budget of \$4024.00 which included \$614.00 for unanticipated expenses which may be approved by the Board. The membership also authorized the transfer of up to \$1500.00 of excess funds from the Administrative Operating Budget Reserves to the Memorial Fund and authorized the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$2000.00 for possible tax-exempt processing costs. In the FY 12-13 Contribution Program Budget the Membership approved budget expenditures in various Designated Contribution Projects as follows: Lt. Jonathan Gravestone Project--up to \$400.00, Plimoth Plantation Project--up to \$600.00, Charitable Drawing--up to \$200.00, DNA Project—up to \$615.00, European Research—up to \$2000.00, Educational Website—up to \$100.00, the Educational Brochure—up to \$200.00. This budget left a balance of \$538.91 in the Memorial Fund Account.

**Thanks to retiring Directors:** Vice President **Terry DELANO**, on behalf of the DELANO KINDRED, thanked outgoing Directors **Herman DELANO**, **Thomas DELANO**, **Ann Harris**, and **Floyd Sanford** for their service to the DELANO KINDRED. Also he thanked **Patrick Whitfield** for his service as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

**2013 Annual Meeting Venue:** The 2013 Annual Membership Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas during the month of September. More details will be forthcoming.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.

The members then gathered on the front steps of the Town Hall for the Group Photograph

## DEPARTED COUSINS

### **Margaret Lee Barton**

We were saddened by the very late news of the death of Cousin **Margaret Lee Barton** of Baltimore, Maryland, who passed away on October 23, 2008. Cousin Margaret was born in Allegany County Pennsylvania in 1915 and she was 93 years old at the time of her death.

She was the wife of the late Myron B. Barton Jr. and together they had four daughters: Linda Kimmich, Susan Brown, Sarah Samoluk and Sharon Barton. Cousin Margaret and her sister Cousin Elizabeth Eich, both joined the DELANO KINDRED in 1997 and were members through 2004. Their line of descent was through the Dr. Thomas Delano branch of the family. We send our belated condolences to her daughters and their families.

### **Richard Dana Benton**

We were saddened to learn of the death of Cousin **Richard Dana Benton** who passed away on 16 June 2012 after a brief illness.

Born Dec. 7, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas, he was the son of the late Oscar Freeman and Virginia Dana Benton. Cousin Richard had been a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993.

He was a 1961 graduate of Bradford High School and a 1965 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in social studies education. He also received a Masters of Arts in history from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a curriculum specialist/supervisor certificate from St. Bonaventure University.

He was employed by the Bradford area schools as a teacher and department head for more than 37 years.

After retirement, he was employed as a director of community affairs for Dallas-Morris Drilling Co. Inc., and was a member of the Bradford City Council. Cousin Richard was active in many community organizations as an officer and/or board member and gave numerous programs on many topics, including Bradford City street names.

He is survived by a sister, Suzanne Benton Bernardini of Conneaut, Ohio; one nephew, John Brian Bernardini of Concord Township, Ohio; one niece, Elizabeth Prince of Lithonia, Ga.; one aunt, Betty Whitney of Bradford; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by two uncles, Irvin Dana and Robert Benton; and three aunts, Grace Dana Weaver, Garnet Dana Theodore and Hazel Benton Pascarella. We send our heartfelt condolences to his sister, Suzanne and her family and his Aunt Betty Whitney.

### **George Thomas Conwell**

We received the belated sad news that Cousin **George Conwell** of Richmond, Virginia, passed away on 6 October 2011. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on 3 September 1927. Cousin George had been a dedicated member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993. He and his wife Dianne had participated in several early Reunions that included the 1997 Reunion in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and the 2001 Reunion in Bath, Maine. He was 84 years old when he passed away and joins his sister Cousin **Norma Smith** who predeceased him in April 2010 at the age of 92. George was with Reynolds Metals Company for over 38 years serving first as the Personnel Manager for the North and South Plants and later as the Personnel Directory for the can plant. George enjoyed volunteering at the Ginter Botanical Gardens, playing tennis and traveling. He was an avid crossword puzzle devotee. His favorite song was Johnny Mercer's "Accentuate the Positive" and he lived his life that way. We send our belated condolences to his wife of 60 years, Dianne and to their family.

### **Dale C. Delano**

We recently received the sad news that Cousin **Dale C. Delano** of Edmond, OK passed away on 14 April 2012. Born on 29 April 1923, in Eva, OK, to Chance and Eula Lee Sledge Delano, he was one of nine children raised on a farm near Guymon, OK. After high school, Dale served over three years in the Army Air Force as navigator on B-29's in the Pacific Theater of Operations, receiving the Air Medal with two bronze stars. After WWII, he attended Oklahoma State University (then Oklahoma A&M), earning both Bachelor and Master degrees in Architectural Engineering. It was at Oklahoma State University (OSU) that he met his lifelong sweetheart and wife, Ruth Roper. They enjoyed 63 years together.

Cousin Dale was a pioneer in the development of pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete for bridges and structural members. He was involved in the design of several major projects that first used this technology, including Shepherd Mall, the FAA warehouse and the Pennsylvania Bridge over the Canadian River. Because of his design expertise he was then recruited to teach in the School of Architecture at OSU and became Associate Director of OSU in Oklahoma City until his retirement in 1988. In addition to his position as Associate Director, Dale made the preliminary designs of the campus and its early buildings. He was active in many volunteer organizations in Oklahoma City. Cousin Dale has been a steadfast member of the DELANO KINDRED since 1993 and his line of  
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## 2012 REUNION

Well, Cousins, we certainly had a record breaking turnout for the 2012 Reunion in Fairhaven, MA! We had 80 attendees and Cousin **Bette Jeanne Helwig** in Arizona sent a card wishing everyone a wonderful Reunion—so she was there in spirit. Cousins came from at least 16 states. Cousins **Carolyn** and **Gene Marcinkowski** came all the way from California. Cousin **Elizabeth Clarke** traveled from Idaho and Cousins **Arden, Carolyn Clarke** and **Heather Sudbury** came from Utah. Cousin **Leona DELANO** came from Texas, while Cousins **Muriel** and **Ren Cushing** came from Florida. From Michigan came Cousins **Peggy** and **Ted Beals**, Cousins **Herm** and **Charlene DELANO**, Cousin **Cindy Prosser**, Cousin **Kori Ritsema** and our youngest attendee, Cousin **Gracee Ann Ritsema**. Cousins **George** and **Diana DELANO** and Cousin **Malcolm Northam** came from Virginia. From Pennsylvania came Cousins **David** and **Diane Dillinger**, Cousin **Judie Oppasser** and Cousins **Leila** and **Bob Peck**. The New York contingent included Cousins **Harry DELANO**, **Nelson DELANO** and **Jerry DELANO**, Cousins **Robert** and **Eleanor Webber** and Cousins **Dick** and **Carol Wolf**. Cousin **Carlton Pratt** came from Maine and Cousins **Terry** and **Paula DELANO** came from Vermont. Cousin **Steve Lyons** came from New Jersey.

From Connecticut came Cousins **Roberta** and **Frank Banks**, Cousins **Jorge DELANO** and **Kathy Wadsworth**, Cousins **Lyman, Diana** and **Laura DELANO**, Cousins **John** and **Diane Kriscenski**, Cousin **Audrey Moran** and Cousins **Jean** and **Ava Paterwic**. Cousins **Adelaide** and **Peter Atwood**, Cousin **Bernard Connelly** and Cousin **Diana Gardner** all came from Rhode Island. The very large Massachusetts contingent included Cousins **Carol Capachione, Cathy DELANO, John** and **Joan DELANO, Margaret DELANO, Tom** and **Kristin DELANO, Shirley** and **Peter Denison, Peter Duquette, Bob** and **Carole Fogerty, Frederic Grant Jr.** and **Madelein Grant, Ann** and **Dorothea Harris, Natalie Hemingway, Tony Hopkins** and **Jim Jones, Felicity** and **Austin Hoyt, Linda** and **Gerald Monchik, Linda** and **Rick Olney, David Patterson, Jean Smith, Marilyn B. Smith,** and **Edith** and **Bill Ward**.

Friday morning after registering, we met and greeted everyone and then breakfasted in the Hampton Inn Lobby. Later in the morning we all gathered at the Fairhaven Town Hall, and after breaking up into three groups, visited the Warren Delano I house where we were greeted by Sara Delano (AKA Natalie Hemingway) who told us about her many visits to her grandfather's house and their family gatherings at Thanksgiving. In our visit to the beautiful Unitarian Church we found the DELANO stained glass window and learned about its benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers. At the Millicent Library we learned about its history and its DELANO historical reference holdings. Cousin **Muriel Cushing** presented a copy of the book *Polly State- One of Thirteen* written by Frances Jackson Delano to the Library Director, Carolyn Longworth. (Please see the related article elsewhere.)

After lunch we gathered in the auditorium of the Fairhaven Town Hall where Mark Twain spoke many years ago. There Cousin **Jorge Delano**, a descendent of Fairhaven born Captain Paul Delano, delighted us with adventurous sea tales and how the South American branch of the Delano family occurred. We also heard Author Cynthia O. Philip who introduced us to the social circles of Sara Delano Roosevelt in the Mid-Hudson Valley and parts of New England.

That evening we enjoyed the Annual Banquet Dinner at Century House in nearby Acushnet. Cousin **Fredric Delano Grant Jr.** provided a very interesting talk on Warren Delano II and his participation in, and management of the Russell Company enterprise in China, his development of Riverside Cemetery, the Fairhaven Branch Railroad Company and his influence on the life of his grandson FDR.

Saturday was a day full of activity. The Annual Meeting was held in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium. (Please see the related article elsewhere.) We then gathered on the Town Hall steps for the Group Photograph and while Cousin **Ren Cushing** was taking the photograph a photographer from the New Bedford Standard Times arrived and enshrined the back of Cousin Ren's head as he took the group

photo. The DELANO KINDRED standing on the steps of the Town Hall and Ren's head appeared in the Sunday edition of the paper.

During the lunch break some of our members took a tour of the Fairhaven-New Bedford Harbor. That afternoon we enjoyed a bus tour narrated by Natalie Hemingway that included a visit to the graves of Lt Jonathan Delano, his son Jabez Delano and his daughter-in-law Mary Delano—who was the daughter of John and Mary (Weston) Delano. On the tour we saw



the river bank where Lt Jonathan had his grist mill, and then visited the Riverside Cemetery where we visited the Warren Delano Tomb and paid our respects to 18 family members inside.

After a brief stop at the Hampton Inn we headed to Fort Phoenix on a commanding bluff that overlooks the entrance to Fairhaven-New Bedford Harbor. We walked through the encampment of the Fairhaven Militia to the top of the Bluff where the five Civil War vintage cannons pointed out into the approaches to the harbor. A small collection of other cannons, including one of revolutionary war vintage, were located in the approaches to the bluff. It was there that we learned from Chris Richard, Director of Fairhaven Tourism and now in revolutionary garb as the Superintendent of the Militia, that we were not the only family organization present. The Spooner family, whose ancestors were members of the Fairhaven Militia, were also there. After mentioning the Spooners, Chris welcomed the DELANO KINDRED and told the story of how Warren Delano II had saved the five Civil War cannons by purchasing them for the city on the condition that the city obtain gun carriages for these cannons. The city population raised the funds; the gun carriages were built and now hold the cannons. The Captain of the Militia then took charge and each cannon was fired—with the reports of the firings echoing off the buildings of New Bedford across the harbor. We then returned to the Hampton Inn for a refreshing Pasta Dinner.

That evening before farewells President **Muriel Cushing** presented **Natalie Hemingway** with an Honorary Member Certificate. She is now the second person to become an Honorary Member of our Society.

We thank all those who came to this Reunion. It was a wonderful experience for us to get together and share our family's history. We thank Cousins **Cathy DELANO**, **Muriel Cushing**, **Natalie Hemingway** and others who made this Reunion such a memorable experience. We also thank **Chris Richard** of the Fairhaven Tourism Department for his help, cooperation and guidance.



## BOARD HAPPENINGS

### 2012 CHARITABLE DRAWING RESULTS

Cousin **Margaret "Peggy" Beals**, Charitable Program Chair, (below) presents check of \$100 to Cousin **Carolyn Marcinkowski** of Cloverdale, California. Carolyn submitted the winning entry to the 2012 Annual Charitable Drawing which was held at the 2012 DELANO KINDRED Reunion in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. The contribution will go to the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society in Healdsburg, California which contains and displays documents and artifacts of a Jonathan Delano descendant **Henry Delano Fitch**, a Massachusetts sea captain who made trips from Boston to San Diego. Because of the significance of a DELANO ancestor in the history of California, the DELANO KINDRED held its 2007 Reunion in Rohnert Park in Sonoma County, California. Henry Delano Fitch was born in Charlestown, N.H. 7 May 1799 and died in San Diego, California of typhoid fever on 12 January 1849. He was the son of Beriah and Sally (Delano) Fitch, both parents born on the island of Nantucket. On 3 July 1820 he married in San Diego, Josefa Carrillo, daughter of Joaquin Carrillo, one of the leading families in San Diego and sister-in-law of General Mariano Vallejo, who was a prominent figure in the early California history. Capt. Henry Delano Fitch was also very prominent in the early history of California. He was the area's first American resident, mayor, first lawyer and surveyor. The Fitch store was the first retail building in San Diego but he is best known for surveying and laying out the town of San Diego, where they still refer all titles to the "Fitch map."



### CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLIMOTH PLANTATION

During a visit to the Plimoth Plantation after the Fairhaven Reunion, Cousin **Muriel Cushing** met with Director of Development of Plimoth Plantation, Courtney Roy-Branigan, and gave her a check of \$600.00 representing two years of donations as seen in the accompanying photograph. The donation is to help with the rebuilding/furnishings of the Francis Cooke house that burned last November 2011. The DELANO KINDRED has donated yearly for many years toward the upkeep of the house in memory of their ancestor Philip Delano, nephew of Francis and Hester (Mahieu) Cooke.



### REMAINING VROUWEKERK CONTRIBUTION FUNDS WIRED TO THE AMERICAN PILGRIM MUSEUM IN LEIDEN

Finally, the remaining funds for the Vrouwekerk Plaque that were not needed were wired to the American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden by the Treasurer of the Mayflower Society who acted as the Plaque Committee's Fiscal Intermediary. The remaining funds of the DELANO KINDRED \$3000.00 contribution, which amounted to \$882.45, were part of the total remaining funds designated to be donated to this museum. We are gratified that these funds were able to be given within a year after the Vrouwekerk Plaque unveiling on Thanksgiving Day in 2011. Please see *Bonnes Nouvelles* #68 for coverage of this event.

**BOOK PRESENTATION TO THE MILICENT LIBRARY  
IN FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS**

The book *Polly State, One of Thirteen* was written by Frances Jackson Delano and published by the Pilgrim Press in Boston in 1902, illustrations by Charles Copeland, 200 pages, sold for \$1.25 and to libraries for 84 cents. *The Critic*, An Illustrated Monthly Review of Literature, Art and Life, published by Pilgrim Press, dated July-Dec. 1902 promoted the book, as “it is bright and winsome, and full of inspiration and cheer.”

Frances Jackson Delano was born in Fairhaven on 1 July 1857, d. 10 August 1934. She was the daughter of Jabez and Elizabeth Stephens (Terry) Delano, and sister of Elizabeth Terry Delano, artist, who was known for her portraits and paintings of chrysanthemums. The obituary of another sister Deborah (married Ansel Allen Delano) states, “one sister Miss Frances J. Delano based her book *Polly State* on the homestead of her parents.” All three sisters were second cousins to Sara Delano Roosevelt.

In the photograph Carolyn Longworth, Library Director at the Fairhaven Millicent Library, accepts a copy of the book *Polly State, One of Thirteen* from DELANO KINDRED President **Muriel Curtis Cushing**. The DELANO KINDRED held their 21<sup>st</sup> family reunion in Fairhaven in September 2012. The DELANO KINDRED appreciated the warm welcome given by Carolyn Longworth and her library staff.



**NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to welcome our new members who have joined our Family Society since April 2012.  
Massachusetts

**Barbara L. Grant** of Milton

**Frederic Delano Grant Jr.** of Milton

**Madeline B. Grant** of Needam

**Natalie Hemingway** of Fairhaven—our new Honorary Member

Rhode Island

**Adelaide Atwood** of Little Compton

**Peter Atwood** of Little Compton

**Bernard Connelly** of Little Compton

Texas

**William DELANO Jr.** of San Antonio

**Donna DELANO** of San Antonio

**Thomas D. Simpson** of Flower Mound

Washington

**William D. Farley** of Seattle

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

## FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT FOUR FREEDOMS PARK

Several of our members noticed the dedication of the Franklin Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park on 17 October 2012. The ceremony included a Who's Who of the political elite: former President Bill Clinton, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg shared the podium, while former Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, Henry A. Kissinger and a sprinkling of Roosevelt's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were arrayed on the lawn of the park, whose triangular shape at the southern tip of Roosevelt Island evokes the prow of a ship. (The island was named for Roosevelt in 1973.) The park had been planned for



many years with the designs completed in 1974. Finally the park was completed and plans for its dedication on October 17<sup>th</sup> were in place. Cousin **Diana Gardner** brought to our attention that as late as 15 October there was a court action to delay the dedication due to a disagreement by some of the contributors over the placement of the name on stone holding a FDR Plaque that named the park. Fortunately the issue was adjudicated and the dedication took place on the appointed time. We were pleased that Cousin **Carol**

**Capapchione** sent us an article about the park from Vanity Fair Magazine (see below). We have also included photographs of the park and the FDR plaque. In the article it mentions the efforts of William J. vanden Heuvel, a former U.N. ambassador and founder of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Ambassador vanden Heuvel was helpful, behind the scenes, in the early process of saving the Vrouwekerk ruins in Leiden.

### Hyde Park on the East River

(by Matt Trynaur of Vanity Fair Magazine)

When the great architect Louis I. Kahn died at 73, in 1974, he had just finished the design for the

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park, planned for the southern tip of Roosevelt Island, in New York's East River. It was Kahn's first design for New York—that is, until it was sidelined in 1975, when the city approached bankruptcy. The project was in limbo for nearly 30 years, while Kahn's reputation as one of the most sublime practitioners of modernism [the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth; the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California] continued to grow. In 2005, William J. vanden Heuvel, a former U.N. ambassador and founder of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute,



launched an effort to get the four-acre park built to Kahn's specifications, gathering more than \$50 million in private and public funds. The park, renamed Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park, opened on October 24. The memorial is a procession of elegant open-air spaces, culminating in a 3,600-square-foot plaza surrounded by 28 blocks of North Carolina granite, each weighing 28 tons. At the entrance to the plaza is a 1933 bust of F.D.R. by Jo Davidson. The Four Freedoms outlined by Roosevelt in his 1941 State of the Union speech are engraved on the south side of the sculpture niche. In contrast with the hard granite forms, Kahn placed five copper-beech trees at the memorial's entrance and 120 little-leaved lindens in allées leading up to the monument. According to Kahn's son, Nathaniel Kahn, [whose mother, Harriet Pattison, was a collaborator on the landscape design of the park], "Roosevelt was a great hero of my father's, and it adds poignancy to it, because it was the last thing he designed."



## DELANO COUSINS FROM THE WEST TOUR CAPE COD

Cousins **Carol Capapchione** and Cousins **Carolyn** and **Gene Marcinkowski** of Cloverdale, California, met each other at the DELANO Homestead (the former home of Captain Warren Delano II—and now a Bed and Breakfast establishment). They enjoyed each other's company and Cousin Carol invited the westerners to tour the Cape Cod area. In early October Cousin Carol, who lives in East Dennis on the Cape, kindly sent a letter and photograph to us about their tour adventure which we are pleased to include below .

Dear Cousins of the DELANO KINDRED;

Another fall is upon us with warm days and much cooler nights here in New England. I write this from East Dennis on Cape Cod and will bring you up to date on a visit with our cousins from (Sonoma) Valley, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Cousin Carolyn) Marcinkowski of Cloverdale, CA. They told me their little town is the site of the California Wine Judging from all their wineries, of which there are hundreds, now, once per year. Carolyn and Eugene stayed in the DELANO Homestead B&B with me for our recent DELANO Reunion, which we all enjoyed so very much. We are forever indebted to the Kindred Soc.

They stayed in New Bedford next day to visit the famous Whaling Museum and toured the city. The next two days they came to stay with me half way down the "Cape" in E. Dennis. We toured first Dennis and Brewster. Dennis was named for the Rev. Josiah Dennis and was incorporated in 1793. Brewster was named after Elder William Brewster, an original Pilgrim from the Mayflower, and incorporated in 1603. So we see a lot of original homes of sea captains and those hard working people manning the salt works, and cranberry industries as well as those brave men fishing off our coast in all types of New England weather.

The next day we drove to the First Encounter Beach with its large stone and bronze plaque noting same in Eastham. Then on to Wellfleet for lunch at the Bookstore overlooking Wellfleet harbor—still full of "end of summer" boats. Then through Truro, which remains more desolate with homes on acres of land and no "downtown;" but has art and antique shops as in other towns here. We went next, to Provincetown at the tip of the Cape—a very artsy and crafts galore town that also has a wealth of excellent restaurants, many B&B's and a few waterfront motels. When thinking of Provincetown, think of the Florida Keys, or Sausalito near San Francisco. We viewed the large sand dunes at the end of the Cape and Carolyn and Eugene took many pictures. Next on the way back, we saw the Coast Guard station in Chatham which is on a rise overlooking Chatham harbor inlet and its ever-changing sandbars caused by winter pounding from Atlantic Ocean waves. Lastly, we drove through upscale Chatham and on to Harwichport with its cute downtown shops and two ocean harbors. After the big day we settled in for clam chowder and lobster rolls and goodnights.



(l to r, Carol, Carolyn and Gene)



## HURRICANE SANDY AND NORTHEASTER STORM

Hurricane Sandy on the last days of October followed by the strong Northeaster Storm the following week hit hard most of our members along the Northeast Coast of the country. We counted at least 17 members who lived near the Ocean that were threatened by strong winds and storm surges. We have contacted five of our members whose e-mails we knew. In Ocean Grove, NJ Cousin **Joan Krumm** said she was evacuated to a northern N.J. Holiday Inn. She said the electric power was lost but she was away from the sea. She has now returned to her apartment in Ocean Grove.

In New York City the area surrounding Cousin **Mary Bertschmann's** home in the southern tip of Manhattan was flooded, heavily damaged, and has been without power for two weeks. She was able to communicate from her uptown office which has power. Out in Brookhaven, Long Island Cousin **Robert Webber** said he and Eleanor were very lucky and did not lose their power. Their two daughters who live on Long Island were out of power for ten days. They came to their home for hot food and showers. Their biggest problem is finding gasoline, but it should be getting better. Cleanup of downed trees is still a big problem. Most of the sand dunes on their barrier beach are almost all gone.

In Marion, MA Cousins **Ann Harris** and **Dorothea Harris** survived both storms with flying colors. Their power was on 99.9 percent of the time, but the low lying coastal areas around Hull, Scituate, Chatham and south of New Bedford were flooded and experienced coastal erosion. She said she understood that Fairhaven did not have much damage thanks to the Hurricane Barrier that had been erected years ago, but that several businesses lost roofs.

She said a "microburst" straight-line wind from a thunderstorm did much damage in nearby Wareham, knocking down trees and power lines and curiously lifted someone's kayak and shoved it through a house window. Out on Cape Cod near Chatham, Cousins **Bill** and **Edie Ward** said they were very, very, lucky. High winds with gusts over 60 mph brought high surf at high tide with many downed trees and power outages. They considered themselves very fortunate not to have any personal damage and a power outage of only three hours.



Cousin **Ren Cushing** kindly sent a photo of the Plymouth Rock shelter being hit by storm waves during Sandy, so you can see that the surf was up in Plymouth Harbor from Sandy.

## DUES RENEWAL TIME

Many of you have received a DELANO KINDRED Membership Dues Renewal reminder, from our Membership Chair, Cousin **Carolyn Clarke**. We hope you will soon send in your dues renewal for the 2013. As you know you can determine the date your membership dues expire by looking at the mailing label on your newsletter. Since our dues year always ends in December you can look on your mailing label and see when your dues will expire. If your mailing label has Dec. 2012 that means your dues expire on 31 December 2012, so in order to continue to be a member in "good standing" and receive your newsletters issued in 2013 you will have to renew your dues.

## GRAVESTONE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Those members who attended the 2012 Reunion had the opportunity to see the gravestones of Lt Jonathan, his son Jabez, and his daughter in law, Mary, who are buried on the Queen Ann Cemetery in Acushnet. Those who saw them would agree that the deterioration of these historic gravestones should be stopped and that steps should be taken to preserve them as much as possible. Your Board of Directors had already established the Gravestone Preservation Project as a Designated Memorialization Project in the DELANO KINDRED Contribution Program to fund this effort.

Recently Lt Jonathan's gravestone was cleaned and steps are underway to restore the stone with a restoration mortar and seal the stone with schist. (metamorphic crystalline rock) to close the delaminating gaps and to prevent further water penetration. We understand that the deterioration that these stones have undergone is pretty common and preservation procedures should protect the stone for at least 50 years. Below are photos of Lt Jonathan's gravestone before and after cleaning. The preservation procedures will be done next.

### Acushnet Cemetery, Massachusetts

Before



After



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descent is traced through the Lt. Jonathan Branch of the family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; four brothers, and one sister. He is survived by his three children, Bob Delano and wife Susie of Edmond, Barbara Fite and husband Dennis of Norman, and Rebecca Zeavin of Edmond. He is survived by seven grandchildren, John Delano, Nikki Rapp, Mariah Hope, Zachary Hope, Nathan Fite, William Zeavin and Laura Zeavin; and nine great-grandchildren. We send our heartfelt condolences to his children and their families.

### **John Lee Delano**

We were sorry to belatedly learn of the death of Cousin **John Lee Delano** of Helena, Montana, who passed away on 24 November 2010. Cousin John, a former legislator, lobbyist and leader of many local and state charitable causes, was 89 years old. He was a loyal member of the DELANO KINDRED for 17 years, joining in 1993. We remember John and his wife, Katy, attending several reunions. The Hyde Park Reunion in 2003 was their last due to their inability to easily travel. Over the years John and Katy contributed items to our newsletter. One significant item was the article Katy found in a magazine about Frederic Adrian Delano being a member of the first Federal Reserve Board in 1914 which was included in NL #37 (June 2001).

John was born in Billings Nov. 10, 1921. After graduating from Billings High School in 1939; he enrolled in what is now called the University of Montana, in Missoula. He interrupted his schooling at the outbreak of World War II, when he enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army and served five years, primarily in the Pacific Theater, resigning as a captain. He returned to the university and graduated with a degree in business in 1947. After graduation, he moved to Billings where he was in the soft drink business. Along the way he met Katy Lou Shallenberger and they were married in 1949.

In 1956, Cousin John moved to Helena and became state sales manager and public relations director for Blue Shield and began a long career as a lobbyist and legislator. He served four years as a State Representative from Helena in the Montana Legislature during the 1960s. In 1968 he was executive director of the Alumni Association of the University of Montana. In this role, he lobbied at the legislature for what was then all six units of the University System for two sessions. He was then hired as director of the Montana Railroad Association, a post he held from 1971 to 1986, handling public relations and lobbying among his other duties. He then formed his own lobbying and consulting firm and worked from 1987 to 1997.

He was approached by some community activists to travel the state and talk up the idea of creating a statewide philanthropic organization. He was told by many that it wouldn't work because Montana was too diverse and too isolated, with too little wealth. Today the Montana Community Foundation that he helped establish has grown from fewer than a dozen endowments totaling less than \$300,000 to more than \$50 million in assets.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katy; an infant son, John Garvin; his parents, Jack and Helen Delano; and his brother, Jim., Survivors include his two daughters, Marcia Delano Barfknecht and her husband, Jim Barfknecht, of Helena, Joni Delano Hantz and her husband, Scott Hantz, of Colstrip; and four grandsons, Brad and John Barfknecht, and Carlin and Sam Hantz. We send our belated condolences to them.

## **Some Significant November Dates In DELANO History**

The days of November include some that are significant to our DELANO history. We have listed a few as a reminder of this important month.

On **6 November** marked the 409<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Philippe de Lanoy's baptism (6 November 1603) in the Vrouwekerk in Leiden, The Netherlands. He was the son of Jan and Marie Mahieu de Lanoy.

On **8 November**, 344 years ago in 1682, Jabez Delano was born to Lt. Jonathan and Mercy Warren Delano. He was their second son. We saw his gravestone in the Acushnet Queen Ann Cemetery during our 2012 Reunion.

On **9 November** we will mark the 391<sup>st</sup> year since the ship FORTUNE carrying Philippe arrived in 1621 at the New Plymouth Colony. The ship arrived just a few weeks after the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving.

On **12 November**, 344 years ago in 1668, Thomas Jr. was born to Dr. Thomas and Rebecca Alden Delano. He was their second son.

On **29 November** in 1655 Mary Delano, the oldest daughter of Philippe de Lanoy married Jonathan Dunham.





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