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PHOTO BY TOM DALY

FENWICK ISLAND, DEL.—Frolicking at another fun family beach reunion were all eight of the Daly siblings and almost all of their progeny. From front left are Corbett Daly and Tunay Kuru of Washington, D.C., behind Aodhan, 7, Ciara, 5, and Lucy Daly, 8. Right front are Deirdre Daly of Longmont, Colo., next to Anne and Sean Daly of Barrington, R.I., with Tom Daly of Charlottesville, Va., behind, and Annie Daly of New York City and Meg Daly of Boston, in front. Centering the march up the staircase are Maddie, Rosie and Matthew Daly of Silver Spring, Md. Up the right railing: Clara-Sophia and LuAnne Daly and John Rothfield, all of Santa Rosa, Calif. Up the left railing: Natalie Daly, Julie Rasicot and Brendan and Emily Daly, all of Silver Spring. Maura Daly of Germantown, Md., wearing her signature scarf, completes the right side of the railing. On the deck in the upper right are Jeanne Paradis of Washington, D.C., with parents Kate and David Paradis of Boulder, Colo.



PHOTO BY BRENDAN DALY

Nevertheless, She Persisted

BALTIMORE, MD. – Though oft referred to as “twin cousins,” the playful nickname for Emily and Maddie Daly took on a whole new meaning in October when Maddie donated her bone marrow to Emily in hopes of putting Emily’s non-Hodgkins lymphoma into permanent remission. Early signs are positive. While this year has been the hardest of her life so far, Emily says she is amazed by and grateful for all the support she has received from friends and family near and far, and from the outstanding doctors and nurses at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Thank you all!

A Dubrovnik Proposal

NEW YORK CITY – Forget silver bells! Wedding bells are ringing this year for intrepid traveler Annie Daly. Over the summer, boyfriend Rahul Khosla proposed in Dubrovnik, Croatia, where the globetrotting duo was soaking up some vitamin D by the Adriatic Sea. The newly-betrothed and however many of the clan are able will wend their way to Rahul’s hometown of New Delhi for the nuptials, the first for the younger generation. The bride, an editor at Condé Nast’s SELF, and the groom, founder and CEO of Heady, a tech company that produces apps for mobile devices, will reside in the Big Apple.

A D.C. Moment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On a traditional, day-after Thanksgiving family walk on the C&O Canal, the D.C. Dalys were startled to hear Corbett say, “Hello, Mr. President.” And who should appear but POTUS 44 and daughter Malia out for a similar stroll. Mr. Obama offered a quick hello and kept moving. Lesson for daughters who turned down the hike? You never know who you’ll bump into in the nation’s capital. Gathered for a family selfie, from left: Brendan, Corbett, Lucy, Tunay, Aodhan, Ciara, Matthew and Maura.



PHOTO BY CORBETT DALY

Family Serves as Cure for Craziiness

WASHINGTON, D.C. –There may have been no meeting of the minds on all manner of matters throughout the land, but there were meetings, and greetings, galore among the Dalys as the clan stood strong against a prevailing wind that was at once both ruthless and truthless.

In a year in which “alternative facts” competed with real news, there could be only one survival strategy: “Let’s go!” THE GREETING reporter knew he best be gettin’ goin’ if he was going to inoculate himself against the poison in the political air. “These are the times when family shines,” he thought to himself. “Lucky me.”

So off he trotted, arriving over the summer at Fenwick Island, Del., where he found the fam enjoying the frivolities of fancy-free living: naps on the beach, ocean swims, and other fun in the sun. Indoors, there were crosswords, jigsaws and other puzzling pursuits, including a new word in Scrabble—*covfefe*, anyone?

The chiseled, old-school scrivener was pleased but not surprised to see teenager Rosie

already gravitating to the challenging world of words her elders have enjoyed to these multiple generations. Without the slightest chip on her shoulder, Rosie is writing front-page stories for her high school newspaper, “Silver Chips,” which calls itself “a public forum for student expression since 1937.” “I call it training for the family trade!” the reporter quipped.

New Voice On Air

Speaking of pressing matters, the peripatetic scribe enjoyed hearing the clear and calm voice of Skidmore sophomore Clara Sophia over the summer on KPFA, the flagship station of the Pacifica Radio Network outside San Francisco. The budding broadcaster confessed, one reporter to another, that the journalism bug bit her hard. Stay tuned, as they say on the radio.

The grizzled scribe also ventured to Charlottesville to catch up with freelance photographer Tom Daly shortly after he covered a white nationalist rally in August that erupted in violence.

Tom was part of the crew working with fellow UVA grad Katie Couric on a documentary series for National Geographic.

Not to be eclipsed, the reporter noted that veteran journoas are still plugging away in print—as well as on Twitter and online. Matthew catalogues the topsy-turvy of national politics for AP while Julie Rasicot chronicles local news as managing editor at Bethesda Beat.

Retired from journalism but still spinning yarns, Sean helped longtime photographer pal David Zapatka produce and write a stunning coffee-table book, *Stars and Lights—Darkest of Dark Nights*, documenting 130 lighthouses from Maine to New Jersey under the stars.

Back with Miss Dana at the new Old Manse in Chevy Chase, the aging scribe happily downed some tasty holiday eggnog, allegedly from a recipe by Martha Washington. Taking care to avoid tripping on Dana’s deck, the reporter and his gracious host raised a toast, offering up heartfelt wishes for a #HappyNew-Year to one and all.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW DALY

Granny Moves to Maryland

SILVER SPRING, MD. – After more than four decades in New York, Meredith’s irrepressible mother, Jeanette Carlson, now shares Matthew and Meredith’s split-level in Silver Spring. Crossword puzzles and Jeopardy are a daily and nightly routine. Jeanette, aka Granny, has slowed her pace, but still has her wits and her wit. No cross words from her!



PHOTO BY CID MACDONALD

Fossil View

FLORISSANT, COLO. – Taking a break from homesteading in Arvada, Colo., outside Denver, Matt Paradis and his girlfriend Meg MacDonald enjoy the scenery at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument near Pikes Peak. Matt, a biodynamic gardener, keeps his hand in music, while Meg is a photographer at Craftsy, an online crafts education and sales platform.

Sunny Outlook in Colorado

LONGMONT, COLO. – Now flying solo, and quite content, in a new home amid a palpable feeling of community in Longmont, Deirdre enjoys hikes on McIntosh Lake near her house and gardening in her flourishing backyard. Meanwhile in Boulder, Kate and David are celebrating daughter Jeanne’s pending MBA from Georgetown, where both of Jeanne’s beloved grandfathers attended college decades earlier. Oh, Hoya!

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THE GREETING as an institution will always champion the right, as it sees fit, fight for the ideals of humanity, particularly family life, further the cause of good fellowship, rekindle the fires of patriotism, uplift the fallen—if any—down the demi-gods and demi-johns, act as pulmotor to the heartbeats and respiratory organs of friendship, never swerve from the paths of honesty, integrity, of faith, hope and charity, so long as its owners are able to hold a pen, wield a pencil, wallop a typewriter, fathom a word processor, fax a fax, work the wonders of the world wide web, tweet on Twitter, type a text or update their status on Facebook. And that’s that!