

“We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.” – Jimmy Carter

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As A Second Term Looms, Dalys Celebrate A Series Of Firsts



SILVER SPRING, MD. – Standing tall as the political winds shift, the Daly clan gathers to celebrate another year of togetherness. Pictured from left are hosts Brendan Daly and Julie Rasicot behind daughters Emily and Natalie. Maura Daly stands next to Matthew, Rosie and Meredith Daly flanking Maddie, seated. Corbett Daly and Tunay Kuru stand beside their children: Lucy, 15, standing; Aodhan, 14; and Ciara, 12. PHOTO BY MARCUS HIBBELN

WASHINGTON, D.C. – “Well, you’ve done it again,” THE DALY GREETING reporter exclaimed. The veteran scrivener found himself exhausted, and not for the first time, as he tried to keep up with the ever-expanding and well-traveled Daly family and a series of family “firsts” – many involving the younger generation as the clan navigates a quarter of the way into the 21st century.

Maddie and her boyfriend Alex Frandsen made a big first move across the country, joining Maddie’s cousin Emily, a fellow member of the Class of ’97, in San Francisco. The “twin cousins” enjoyed multiple visits from family, friends and fans eager to see them and “the Paris of the West.” The frequent forays prove the enduring appeal of the City by the Bay where the third member of the Class of ’97, Clara-Sophia, grew up. Maddie is assistant director of federal affairs at a nonprofit promoting digital privacy and security, while Emily works with formerly incarcerated people at the nonprofit Free Minds Book Club. The pair live about an hour’s drive from Maddie’s Uncle Jem of tie-dye fame.

Back on the East Coast, the peripatetic penman ventured to Charlottesville, Va., to meet the first great-grandson of former GREETING editors John Jay and



PHOTO BY TOM DALY

The camera confirms the word on the street: like big sister Lucy, 3, Austin Thomas Daly has game!

Lu Daly. Proud parents Tom and Jessica welcomed Austin Thomas Daly to the clan on August 16.

The grizzled scribe was bursting with pride as he visited the Class of 2000, Rosie and Natalie, who find themselves among the workaday toilers after graduating from college. Rosie is a digital media associate for a D.C. public affairs firm, while Natalie has moved indoors from teaching at an organic farm to coordinating an environmental program at Framingham State University in Massachusetts.

Cousins Commit

Braving the altitude, the aging newsman trekked to Colorado as the Paradis crew grew. In

October, while hiking in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area, Matt Paradis popped the question to Nicole Loyd. Just two weeks later, Matt’s cousin Meg Daly and Stephen Headley were walking on the beach in Winthrop, Mass., when they too got engaged. Both weddings will be in 2026. “Love is in the air,” said the misty-eyed reporter.

The correspondent showed off his admittedly rusty dance moves as Kate Paradis organized the clan’s first flash mob, in Boulder, Colo., to “put a woman in charge.” It all played out against the surreal backdrop of a remarkable election year in which, for only the second time in American history, a previous president won a non-consecutive second term. After four years of relative calm, chaos will again reign at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

The sentimental scribe found it comforting that little was surreal about the doings of the Dalys, who still operate within the realm of the real – all of which served as a helpful reminder as he and Miss Dana savored a taste of holiday eggnog, from a recipe by Martha Washington. Raising their glasses, the pair offered a heartfelt toast: Happy New Year to one and all!

A Rock in the Rockies

ARVADA, COLO. – Matt Paradis and Nicole Loyd can’t stop smiling after getting engaged in their beloved Rocky Mountains in October. Matt, a music teacher and audio engineer, and Nicole, a body psychotherapist who earned a master’s degree in May in mental health counseling, are excited for a future full of nature, music and adventure. The pair said yes during a Boulder County wilderness hike, a favorite spot where parents Kate and David Paradis and Aunt Deirdre Daly and Mike Rookey frequently lead family visitors.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW DALY

Sean Enters Hall of Fame

WARWICK, R.I. – Honoring a decades-long run as a dogged TV reporter in Providence, Sean was inducted into the Rhode Island Radio & TV Hall of Fame in September. His long career started off-air at NBC News in his hometown of Washington, D.C., and included on-air stops in New Orleans and Chicago. But it was in Rhode Island where he made his mark. “TV news in Little Rhody, the gift that keeps on giving,” he quipped in an uncharacteristically brief acceptance speech attended by several hundred, including more than 30 family and friends.



PHOTO BY MATT PARADIS

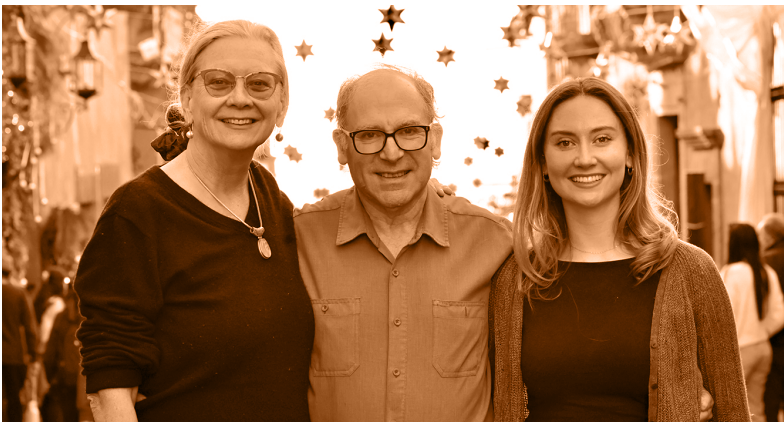


PHOTO BY LUIS ROLDAN

Saludos from San Miguel

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO – LuAnne Daly and John Rothfield welcomed Clara-Sophia, right, for a Christmas visit to the highlands of central Mexico, where they have been living for more than a year. LuAnne has been learning oil painting while John plays guitar with the town’s many musicians. Clara-Sophia covers education for the Miami Herald.

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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, work the wonders of the world wide web, type a text, or update their status on social media. And that’s that!



PHOTO BY SEAN DALY

Warm Smiles on a Cold Day

BARRINGTON, R.I. – Gathered in the snowy yard of Sean and Anne’s new house in their old town, are from left: Tom Daly holding Lucy, 3, and Jessica Manly with baby Austin of Charlottesville, Va.; Annie Daly and Rahul Khosla of Brooklyn, N.Y.; newly engaged Stephen Headley and Meg Daly of Boston; and hosts Anne and Sean Daly.

Hail to the Hail Mary!

LANDOVER, MD. – Aodhan Daly’s first in-person NFL game wasn’t just a great present for his 14th birthday. He and his family saw a miracle finish they will never forget: a 52-yard Hail Mary pass by prized rookie QB Jayden Daniels as time expired to win the game for their cherished Commanders. #RaiseHail



Under the Ice Down Under

FOX GLACIER, N.Z. – In December, Jeanne Paradis took a much-needed break from her busy consulting job to take a three-week trip throughout New Zealand. Her adventures included exploring ice caves at Fox Glacier in a national park on New Zealand’s South Island.

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