

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

IT BEAMS ON ALL
YOUNG AND OLD

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All Together Now: Dalys Assemble to Celebrate Family, Connections



PHOTO BY TOM DALY

SOUTHERN SHORES, N.C. – At their biennial reunion, three generations of Dalys and partners converged on the Outer Banks from across the country. In front row, from left are: Tom Daly and Jessica Manly with son Austin, 1, and daughter Lucy, 4; behind them are Rahul Khosla and Annie Daly, Sean and Anne Daly, and Meg Daly and Stephen Headley. Next to them are Brendan Daly and Julie Rasicot, in front of Colin Melick and Emily Daly, and her sister Natalie. Next is Maddie Daly, in front of Alex Frandsen, while Matthew and Meredith Daly stand behind daughter Rosie. Clara-Sophia Daly sits with parents John Rothfield and LuAnne Daly. Standing above Clara is Maura Daly; to her left are Matthew Paradis Nicole Loyd, and Jeanne, David, and Kate Paradis. Standing in front of Kate are Tunay Kuru and Corbett Daly, with their children Lucy, 16, Ciara, 13, and Aodhan, 15, and dogs Mahvi and Charley. Standing on the right are Mike Rookey and Deirdre Daly.

OUTER BANKS, N.C. – Word traveled fast—and loud—when THE DALY GREETING reporter got wind that the family was once again heading for the beach, ready for another round of sun, sand, and solace. Before long, there they all were: a record-breaking 36 Dalys and partners spanning three generations plus two dogs, taking over four houses in Southern Shores, N.C., and making the Atlantic Ocean their personal playground.

It was an August reunion that felt downright *august* — the Daly clan in full, glorious, high-volume form. And for one week, the kinfolk were able to escape the chaos and calamities in Washington, proving that connection really is the cure for craziness, in the capital and across the country.

The aging newsman was grateful the three dozen Dalys and significant others reunited for another getaway of ocean swims, long walks, jigsaw puzzles, mini golf, go-kart racing, and other fun in the sun. Lively family dinners each night were epic.

The gathering was capped by a birthday party for three Charlottesville Dalys: Papa Tom and Lucy, 4, and Austin, 1, along with Maddie’s fiancé Alex Frandsen. The original Grove Street Gang tenderly remem-

bered their mom, Lu Daly, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday that week, with stories of her endless grace and charm.

The GREETING scribe noted that 2026 will be the Semiquincentennial of the United States — the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and our national quest for a more perfect union.

Three Perfect Unions

“And for the Dalys, 2026 is a year of perfect unions, with three weddings on tap,” the reporter exclaimed. He is packing his bags first for Meg and Stephen’s wedding outside Boston, followed by Maddie and Alex’s nuptials in Virginia and then Matt and Nicole’s big day in the Colorado mountains. “Looks like I’ll be racking up some serious Frequent Flyer miles,” he quipped.

Back in D.C., the wrecking ball of the new administration hit home. Brendan lost his communications job at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting when Congress approved the president’s request to defund public media, shutting down CPB. April Fool’s Day was no joke for Meredith, as she was among thousands of employees cut at the National Institutes of Health. On a happier note, Mat-

hew celebrated a quarter century at The Associated Press.

The grizzled newsman and his editors grew philosophical as they mourned the profound loss of GREETING publisher Miss Dana, who died in July. As they gathered at the new Old Manse on Woodland Drive in Silver Spring, the reporter and editors Brendan and Matthew hoisted a glass of holiday eggnog, allegedly from a recipe by Martha Washington. The sentimental scrivener raised a wistful toast for a peaceful and Happy New Year!



PHOTO BY PETER BERGER
With the Golden Gate Bridge in the background, Maddie and Alex sealed their engagement last January.



Annie’s Globetrotting Adventures

NARYN REGION, KYRGYZSTAN – As part of her job writing freelance travel stories, intrepid reporter Annie Daly traveled to 15 countries across five continents in 2025 alone! While she loved them all, her favorite was Kyrgyzstan as it was her first time in Central Asia. Sleeping in a yurt camp surrounded by sheep in the Tian Shan mountains, Annie reported a story for Vogue that focused on a group of women keeping the traditional art of Kyrgyz felting alive. Annie is shown here in a selfie with Nazgul Esenbaeva, who Annie featured in her piece.

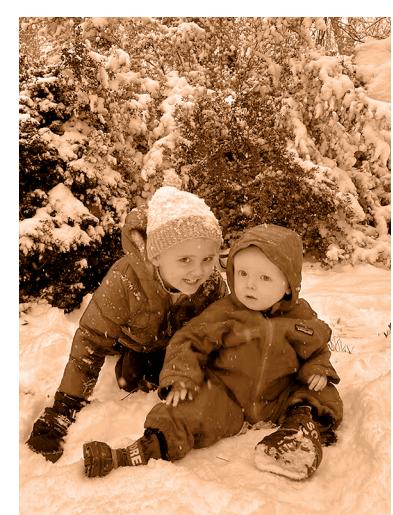


PHOTO BY JESSICA MANLY

Smiling in the Snow

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. – Lucy Daly, 4, and her brother Austin, 1, enjoy the snow as they play in the winter wonderland in early December.

Cousins Cordially Celebrate Christmas

SILVER SPRING, MD – In a newly revived Daly Secret Santa celebration, East and West Coast Daly cousins exchanged Christmas gifts, including clothing and ginormous bags of candy. Pictured from left are cousins: Rosie, 25, Lucy, 16, Emily, 28, Ciara, 13, Maddie, 29, and Aodhan Daly, 15, Alex Frandsen, 28, Clara-Sophia, 28, and Natalie Daly, 25.



PHOTO BY BRENDAN DALY



In Memoriam

The GREETING staff grieves the loss and celebrates the life of our publisher, Dana O’Conor Surrey Daly, who died in July at the age of 93. Widow of longtime GREETING editor John Jay Daly Jr., our beloved Miss Dana was a devoted wife; loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother; and a faithful friend. Her abundant love was evident as she successfully blended three families. We all will miss her warmth, kindness, and wisdom. May she remain forever in our hearts.

DANA O’CONOR SURREY DALY — 1932-2025