

# THE HINTON & JOHNSON CONNECTION

April 2019

## Picnic Prices

0-5.....Free  
6-12.....\$9.00  
13& up.....\$20.00

## Banquet Prices

0-5.....Free  
6-12.....\$21.00  
13 & up .....\$28.00

**Dues**.....\$15.00

## Prices for Both Days

0-5.....Free  
5-12.....\$30.00  
13 & Up.....\$48.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance from District Leaders or Mary Lawrence by August 11, 2019. **Please send all money to** Deloris Davis at 853 Nestleway Dr., Greensboro, NC 27406 or to Mary Lawrence at 521 NE Main St. Rocky Mount, NC 27801 Phone: (718) 693-1887 or (252) 446-2179.

**Note:** An additional \$5.00 will be applied to above prices if fees are paid after deadline date or at the door. Please pay before the deadline date, so we can get an accurate count for the caterers.

## T-Shirts

Please order your t-shirts in advance. There will be short and long sleeve shirts available.

Children sizes.....\$8.50  
Small to 2X..... \$13.00  
3X and above.....14.00  
Long sleeve.....\$16.00

**The colors for this year will be burgundy and white.**

## Greetings from the President's Corner - *Mary B. Lawrence*

Greetings Family Members!

The date of our 2019 family reunion is rapidly approaching and plans are now being made. Can you believe this will be our 25<sup>th</sup> family reunion? I can't believe it has been that long since Jesse Hinton Jr. encouraged me in taking the role of reestablishing the family reunion in 1996. I have decided I will retire after this year. I have been thinking about this quite some time and my family didn't believe that I would retire, but this will be my last year serving as president. When I first took the position as being president, it was supposed to have been for two years. At that time no one wanted the position and in 2011 after 17 years I tried to retire again. I can't believe I have been president for 23 years. I want to thank you for your loyal support, encouragements, telephone calls, letters, cards, notes and emails, thanking me for the work I have done. I have saved all of those kind words you have written and want you know it is really appreciated. You all are such a great family. I feel blessed to have served as president and will assist the new president if help is needed. If anyone wants to be our new president please let it be known at the upcoming family reunion.

I want to thank you all for paying for the family reunion in advance and by bringing your money to me in the absent of sister last year.

We are most grateful to Rev. Milton Batts and his congregations for allowing us for the use of their church facility since 2009. We thank Richard Batts for the printing of the programs and to those who assist every year with the family reunion and to those who participated in our black history program. A special thank you to our youths and to those who attended the family reunion for the first time. Nia Meeks, a seven-year old, was one of those who attended the family reunion for the first time and volunteered to be on the program. She did an excellent job reciting Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech. Thanks to Margret Riddick for bringing up the idea of having a black history program. We will have a black history program again this year.

I want to thank family who attended and some who didn't that read the program booklet last year. They commented on the write up of the family history of our ancestors which was printed in the program and how they enjoyed reading it. One replied it was like reading a good novel that you couldn't put down, but had to keep on reading. Benjamin Johnson and Harvey Johnson's parents and siblings have been found and it will be in the program. The family history is almost complete except for Mary Jane Taylor.

## **Saturday August 31, 2019**

### **Picnic**

The picnic will be at Bethlehem Baptist Church, which will start at 1:00pm. The food will only be served for one hour, so please arrive at the church promptly. The auction will follow afterwards. We are asking for items for the auction that will be held after the picnic and on Sunday after the banquet. Thank you in advance.

50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at the start of the family reunion and will be sold throughout the weekend. The drawing will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1, 2019. The price is six tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each.

Directions to Bethlehem Baptist Church from Hotels

1. Turn left on Winsted Rd.
2. Turn right on Sunset Ave.
3. Turn left on S. Halifax Rd. (Church will be on left)

### **Bowling**

We had so much fun bowling in the past and will be doing it again. Three Lanes have been reserved at the Bowling Center Rocky Mount, NC from 6:00pm-1:00am. It is located at 3250 North Church St, Phone: (252-446-9557). Extreme Bowling is \$5.60 per game, per person and includes the shoes. A \$25.00 refundable deposit has been paid.

## **Sunday September 1, 2019**

### **Church Service**

Service begins at 10:45 am at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Please plan to worship with our family.

### **Banquet**

The banquet will begin at 1:30pm at the Doubletree in the Dogwood/Magnolia Ballroom located at 651 Winstead Rd, Rocky Mount, NC.

### **Hotel Reservation**

The Double Tree and Comfort Inn offers a group rate for rooms that are reserved. The hotels are located near each other. **The deadline for making reservations at the Comfort Inn is August 8, 2019 and the deadline date at the Doubletree is August 2, 2019.** Please mention the Hinton and Johnson Family reunion when making reservations.

#### **Comfort Inn**

**Arrival: 08/30/2019 Departure: 09/03/2019**

200 Gateway Blvd. & Winstead Ave.

Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Singles/Double: \$99.00

Two rooms Suite with two Queens sized beds

And have a pull-out sofa: \$119.00

**Phone: (252) 937-7765**

#### **Doubletree**

**Arrival: 08/30/2019 Departure: 09/03/2019**

651 Winstead Ave.

Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Singles/Double: \$119.00

Junior Suite with King Bed and pull out sofa \$139.00

Two rooms Executive Suite have two Queen sized beds and

Have a pull-out sofa: \$159.00

**Phone: (252) 937-6888 press 0 (zero)**

### **Family Updates**

Family members who provided their email address will receive their newsletter via email. Only family members without email addresses or those who rarely read email will receive paper newsletters. You may also go online to get a copy of the newsletter at **[www.hintonjohnson.org](http://www.hintonjohnson.org)**.

### **Scholarship**

High school graduates that will be going to an accredited four year or community college applying for a scholarship must fill out an application. Please contact Marilyn Stephens-Booker at mstephensbooker@aol.com or (757) 622-3161.

### **Births**

**Ava Green** was born during November 2018 to Khalid and Rosa Parks Green. Rosa Parks Green is the daughter of Bonita and Leonard Parks and the granddaughter of Rosa Lee Stephens and the great granddaughter of B.J. Johnson.

### **New Employment**

The Board of Commissioners named **Dr. Glenda Lawrence-Knight** Town Manager for Princeville, NC effective February 11, 2019. Before that she held the position as Mayor Pro Tem of Princeville. She is the wife of Ricky Knight and daughter of Rev. Allen and Rev. Jean Lawrence.

Well wishes and congratulations are extended to **Stephen Mahoney, Jonathan Greger** and **Niki Stephens** as they initiated new employment. Stephen Mahoney and Niki Stephens are prior awardees of our Hinton-Johnson Scholarship.

### **Retirement**

**Frank E. Batts** is retiring on May 31, 2019 after working as an engineer for NASA for almost 25 years. He enjoyed a career of designing data acquisition systems for wind tunnel tests at NASA. Frank will be enjoying retirement with his wife Celestine who retired from the school system in Hampton Roads, VA in 2018. These retirees reside in Yorktown, VA. Frank is the son of the late Willie and Dorothy Batts, the grandson of Willie & Maggie Monroe.

### **College Acceptances**

Jayla Stephens and James Stephens II have been accepted into college.

### **Updates on Previous Scholarship Recipients**

**Jonathan Gonzalez** received the Hinton & Johnson Scholarship in 2016 is now a Junior at UNC Chapel Hill and is scheduled to graduate in 2020 with a BS degree in Environmental Sciences. He has done very well academically at UNC and plans to further his studies by entering Graduate school in the fall of 2020.

**Solomon Gonzalez** received the Hinton & Johnson Scholarship in 2018 and is excelling at Yale University where he is majoring in Biochemistry.

Jonathan & Solomon are the sons of Glenna Batts-Gonzalez, the grandsons of Richard E. Batts and the great grandsons of the late Willie & Dorothy Batts.

**Rosemarie Stephens Booker Greger** enters graduate studies under an MBA program at North Carolina University. Rosemarie is a prior Hinton-Johnson scholarship awardee and the daughter of Marilyn Stephens-Booker.

### Family Reunion Secretary

Doris Batts-Murray has served as secretary of the Hinton & Johnson Family Reunion for more than 10 years and will be stepping down this year. She plans to remain active on the family reunion committee, but is no longer able to serve as secretary effectively.

Doris is very hopeful that another one of our family members will rise up and serve in this position.

### Please pray for our family members who are sick and shut in

**Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Lela "Dell" Hinton, Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Clarissa Parker-Rocky Mount, NC., Mr. Melvin Gorham-Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Dorothy Harden-Hampton, Va., Mrs. Charlotte Hinton-Bascombe-White Plains, NY, Mr. Collien and Mrs. Caroline Hinton-Montclair, NJ, Mrs. Melissa Pettaway-Wilson, NC., Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Hinton (Bill) -Winter Springs, Florida, Mr. John Pridgen, Mr. Jesse Donnell Lawrence-Greenville, NC., Mr. Kelton Lawrence, Mrs. Fannie Hinton Harris – New York, Mrs. Margaret Riddick - Chesapeake, Va., Mrs. Rosa Lee Stephens-Philadelphia, Pa.**

### Remembering Our Loved Ones

- **Mrs. Ernestine Hart Speller**, daughter of the late Robert (Bud) & Cornelia Hart passed January 14, 2018 at Lutheran Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. She was the mother of the late Ronald Hart who died last year.
- **Mrs. Sarah Lawrence Best** of Brooklyn, NY passed December 31, 2018 at her home. She was the sister of the late Allen Lawrence and the sister in law of the late Roxie Hinton Lawrence. Sarah was 78 years old.
- **Mrs. Flossie Savage Dunston** died on December 1, 2018 in Wilson, NC. She was the wife of the late James Dunston and the sister of Rosa Lee Savage Stephens. Flossie was 95 years old.
- **Mr. James Dunston** died on December 15, 2018 in Wilson, NC. He was the husband of the late Flossie Dunston and was 94 years old.
- **Mr. Michael Dunston** died January 2019 in Rocky Mount, NC. He was the son of the late Mr. James & Mrs. Flossie Dunston.

### Executive Board Directory

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- Mrs. Barbara Ann Hinton Lucas, age 74, died on February 17, 2019 in Maryland. She was the mother of Dedra Lucas.

## HINTON & JOHNSON FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

NAMES	DUES	Hinton Johnson Scholarship Fund	Willard Coleman Scholarship Fund
MADYLIN HINTON-AVENT	15.00		
HELEN BALL	25.00	15.00	
REV. MILTON & MELVIA BATTS	15.00		
RICHARD BATTS	15.00	500.00	500.00
DELORIS DAVIS	15.00		
SHELIA DELOATCH & MAMIE MAYO	15.00		
JAMES & FLOSSIE DUNSTON	15.00		
CARNELL & LOIS HINTON	15.00		
COLLIEN & CAROLINE HINTON	15.00		
JESSE HINTON JR.	15.00		
ROOSEVELT HINTON	20.00		
VERDIE HINTON	15.00		
MARY B. LAWRENCE	15.00		
BARBARA ANN LUCAS	15.00		
DEDRA LUCAS	15.00		
CLEVELAND MEEKS	19.00		
DWAYNE & LISA MEEKS	30.00	100.00	
JEROME & DORIS MURRAY	15.00		
CONNIE PARKER	20.00	15.00	15.00
EVELYN PRIDGEN	15.00		
MARILYN STEPHEN BOOKER	15.00	10.00	10.00
ROSA LEE STEPHENS	15.00		
ROSA MARIE & JONATHAN GREGER	15.00	40.00	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>384.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>565.00</b>

### Total Money Collected

Balance from 2017	1382.03
Banquet	1379.00
Dues	384.00
Picnic	1060.00
Auction	293.50
T-Shirts	390.00
50/50	137.00
Bowling Deposit Returned	25.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$5050.53</b>

### Expenses

Banquet Cost	1671.91
T-Shirts	297.90
McCall's Barbeque	900.00
Postages	77.00
Renewal of Website	75.00
Newsletter/programs	96.00
Church Rental	125.00
Catering Deposit (2019)	300.00
Bowling Deposit (2019)	25.00
Misc. (Senior, gifts, door Prizes, Decorations, etc)	305.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3872.81</b>

2018 Remaining Balance: \$1177.72
Hinton & Johnson Scholarship: \$3,211.28
Willard Coleman Scholarship: \$ 2,098.78