

**NATIONAL COUSINS FAMILY REUNION
"LET'S STAY TOGETHER"**

COUSIN'S CORNER

January 2020



Greetings Cousins,

Thank God for a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday! Here's hoping that everyone had a rewarding and enjoyable break. In six short months, we celebrate our 50th Family Reunion in the Nation's Capital of Washington, D.C. Have you made your preliminary plans yet?

The D.C. chapter is moving forward with a wonderful program for your enjoyment, make sure you contact your cousins young and old, you don't want to miss this one. Hotel registration and other information of importance will be forthcoming this month. Please consult the Cousins Website for updates at <http://www.nationalcousinsreunion.org> and the National Cousins Family Reunion Facebook page. There is also the possibility that we may have a few new chapters in attendance at this year's reunion!

It's going to be a "classy" reunion, make sure you don't miss it. See you in D.C.

Thank you for your support.

"Let's Stay Together"

Regards,

Othniel

Happy Birthday Beloved....!

Kameron Owens	1/10
Gerald Brevard, Jr.	3/6
Jaelyn Singleton	3/9
Gerald Brevard, Sr.	3/10
Cathy Truesdale	3/20
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Prayers Up-Blessings Down

- 1st Lady Sandra McGriff's mother is convalescing at American House. (MI)
- Kathy Thompson wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and encouraging words! (MI)
- Titus Blamo was ordained on 12/22 as Minister of Faith Embassy International Ministries in Latham, MD.

TOP GOLFER!

Peay family & great granddaughter of Detroit Chapter member Elsie Bowden, golfer Amaya Melendez is on course for another big season. Amaya Melendez has been an elite player for Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor

MI since she stepped on the first tee three years ago during her freshman season.

Amaya, 16, is Pioneer's top golfer and has helped lead her team to an undefeated record in the SEC

where she took medalist honors with a 78! She tied for 9th place in the state at the MHSAA. Amaya is an excellent student and "Tops" on & off the course! Watch out Tiger!!!

Who's Who...

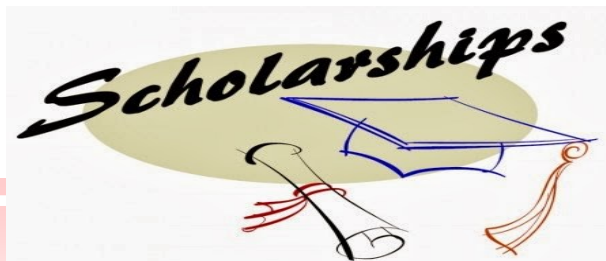


Clarke McGriff graduated, earning the Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia International University in Columbia, SC on December 13, 2019. Congratulations Doctor Clarke!!!!

Artie Thompson, Creative Designer, Actor, & Singer from Detroit got most of his early training at the *New Play Write Theater of Detroit*. Artie is best known for his role on the hit Bravo reality series, *Chef Roble & Co*. As a singer, Artie has performed at the *Don't Tell Mama Piano Bar* in New York and most notably with the Metropolitan Opera. Artie is also an accomplished Event Designer. To learn more about Artie go to

<https://www.facebook.com/ArtiesEvents/>

Artie just signed on as Chair of the Scholarship Committee!!



How can you impact the future success of our Youth?

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Artie Thompson, Chair; Kathy Thompson and Bennie McGriff of the Detroit Chapter have graciously agreed to lead the Scholarship Committee! They are currently working on updating the application and developing ideas for fundraising. The committee wants to hear from students graduating from High School this year and/or 1st year College students. They also want to hear from past Scholarship recipients. Email the Committee at nationalcousins-familyreunion@gmail.com. A new application will be posted soon.

National Chair, Othniel McGriff is working with the National Treasurer, Bennie McGriff to establish a PayPal account to facilitate receiving Scholarship donations. They will also provide info soon for those who wish to write checks. We currently have approximately \$5,000 designated for Scholarships. Othniel and the Committee welcome your input and any fundraising ideas. The National plans to award more than one (1) Scholarship at the next Reunion. Stay tuned and visit www.nationalcousinsreunion.org for updates!

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Greetings and Happy New Year Cousins from Cousin Barbara Lewis of the *newly formed Georgia Chapter*! We are looking forward to the 50th Reunion in D.C. and hosting the 51st in Atlanta! In preparation for the Atlanta Reunion we are raising funds via *African American Expressions (AAE)*. Please encourage your family and friends to visit <https://www.black-gifts.com> to purchase gifts for all occasions. Proceeds from purchases will help our Chapter build our local Treasury in anticipation of hosting. **When visiting the website:**

“Let’s Stay Together”

1. Click on “Find My Fundraiser
2. Insert Fundraiser Account # 631065 in the box
3. Click “Search”, “Select” and “Go Shopping Cousins”

Be sure to browse the Menu for all the AAE offerings!

If you have any questions email me at lewis1676@bellsouth.net

“One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory”. Unknown

Check out our Facebook Group Page at The National Cousins Family Reunion Facebook Group!

We're on Twitter:

National Cousins@1st_1970

Browse our website at <http://www.nationalcousinsreunion.org>

Sheila Brevard Blamo, Website Administrator