

NATIONAL COUSINS FAMILY REUNION
 "LET'S STAY TOGETHER"

COUSIN'S CORNER

October 2019

NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
 CONGRATULATIONS COUSINS!!

We are Blessed to have these Cousins lead us into our 50th year!

- Othniel McGriff**
National Chairperson
- Shelia Brevard-Blamo**
National Vice Chair
- Cheryl Hatton**
National Secretary
- Bennie McGriff**
National Treasurer
- Betty Hunt**
National Chaplin
- Wyvetra Crawford**
National Youth Coor.
- Sherri Sivels**
National Historian
- Gerald Brevard**
National Parliamentarian



Happy Birthday Dear....!

Othniel McGriff	9/12
Sherri Sivels	10/11
Sandra McGriff	10/25
Valois Truesdale	10/27
Kelvin Brevard	11/2
Sheila Brevard Blamo	11/18
Eric Brevard, Sr.	12/27

**Prayers Up-Blessings
 Down**

- Robin Phoenix (NY) recovering from a recent surgery
- Brenda Thompson (NY) is 100% recovered from recent surgery
- Kathy Thompson (MI) is a Mary Kay Consultant contact her at sandsnow2@icloud.com
- Jordan Truesdale (MI) Founder of a New Clean Beauty line. Visit www.shadenontoxic.com

WE LOST A FAMILY JEWEL

Beloved Cousin Mattie (Bailey) Manigault left us to join Our Father in Heaven last week. Mattie was a loving and devoted Cousin. She was also a trailblazer! Mattie, a retired educator, was the 1st black female licensed Funeral Director in

Fairfield County of Winnsboro, SC. She owned OE Manigault & Sons Funeral Home. Mattie enjoyed working with the Cousins. She facilitated the 1986 Savannah Reunion and she served many years on the Ways & Means Committee until her

husband became ill. Her funeral was held in Lancaster, SC at Mt. Zion AMEZion Church. We are praying for the Comforter to cover this family and give them strength in this difficult time.

We Need You!

Attendance at our Reunions has increasingly diminished over the last 10 years. We need to find ways to boost participation in the organization. On the Local level we need to revive Local Chapters. Seek out Cousins who have not participated in several years. Plan a get together and encourage each other to find other Cousins and cultivate new relationships.

Make it a point to get our Youth involved. Ask them for their ideas and suggestions. Appoint them to Committees or put them in charge of a Family Facebook page. They are the future of this organization! Go to www.nationalcousinsreunion.org and post your ideas and suggestions on the Guest page. You can also send your suggestions to Cousin Othniel at omgriff@sbcglobal.net

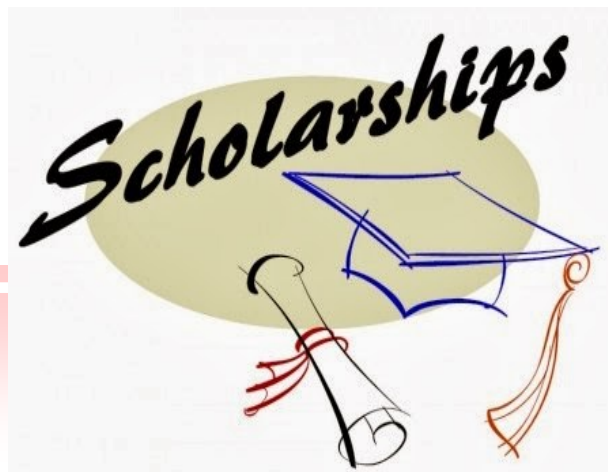


Let us know what you think.. Send your Newsletter items to cathytrue20@yahoo.com

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>



How can you impact the future success of our Youth?

DONATE, DONATE, DONATE!!!

Our Youth need us! Not only to guide them and keep them safe, but to pave the way to their future goals. You can make a huge impact on the future goals of our Youth by donating to the Cousins Scholarship Fund. We want to grow this fund and hopefully give a larger award or give (2) Scholarships. (This will be presented to Ways & Means for approval; stay tuned). Consider this...just \$1 per month or \$12 a year can make a big difference. Especially if every Family that attends Reunions are willing to commit and put Our Family in the budg-

et. We need to stand up for our Young people and "walk the walk". They believe in us and we can't let them down. Need more information on how to donate/impact, contact the Scholarship Committee or Cousin Othniel. Thank you for your support!!!

We' want to hear from past Scholarship recipients! Send us an email at nationalcousinsfamilyreunion@gmail.com

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“Let’s Stay Together”

The Cousins began “getting together” 49 Years ago! Today we have grown into a National Organization with multiple Local (State) Chapters around the United States. Each year as many as 150 Cousins get together in a different city to fellow-ship, eat, pray and love! When was the last time you attended a Reunion? Our 50th is in Washington, DC, June 25, 26, 27 & 28. SAVE THE DATE (and your money)!!

"They say every morning in Africa an antelope wakes up and knows that it must outrun the fastest lion or it will be killed. They say that every morning in Africa a lion wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the fastest antelope or it will starve. It doesn't matter if you're a lion or an antelope because when the sun comes up, you'd better be running." African Proverb