

## National Cousins Reunion

January 19, 2023



Greetings Cousins,

A very Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope that your holiday season was safe and enjoyable for you and your loved ones. We continued to pray for our cousins to survive the Buffalo snow blizzard, and the tornado and hurricanes that moved across the Midwestern and southern states. We move forward now and look for brighter days ahead.

As the Atlanta Chapter continues to move forward on planning our first face to face reunion since 2019, the following updates have been established:

- a. Everyone should have received their invitational/reservation packet by now.
- b. If you did not receive your packet in the mail please go to the cousins' website: [nationalcousinsreunion.org](http://nationalcousinsreunion.org) and click on the section "News", go to the first two drop down boxes, Update & Registration for all pertinent information.
- c. I've been asked to remind you that the hotel 's current Cousins special room rates can only be secured up until **March 25, 2023**; after which they revert to the regular rates.
- d. Tee-Shirt(s) information should be submitted to Cousin Elaine Shannon by **April 1, 2023**
- e. Please send family information (names etc.) for all fallen leaves.
- f. Don't forget Chairperson Cousin Purvis indicated in his December 15, 2022, notice that there was an error in the early bird registration packets about the tour cost; the corrected amount is \$30.00 for the tour. Sorry about the inconvenience.
- g. The Georgia Chapter is requesting that for cousin's registrations and activities, you send checks or money orders only, made out to Elaine Shannon; on the note section indicate For the Georgia Chapter Reunion.
- h. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Cousin Elaine Shannon at (914) 309-5650, text or address, 1317Cochran Crossing, McDonough, GA 30252
- i. Cousins, please submit your registrations information in ASAP, this will allow the cousins in Georgia proper time to meet their deadlines ahead of time.

As in the past inclusive of our last two virtual reunions, we continued to recognize our future leaders of tomorrow with the Scholarship Fund. We encourage our youth in the family to continue to be studious, remain diligent, true, and faithful to their chosen craft in this new year. God bless you and continue the good work.

I take this opportunity to remind all family members that last year was supposed to be an election year for officers in the family. However, because of the pandemic that election will be held this year in Atlanta, and we will resume our normal three-year election process. I encourage all cousins to begin to think carefully and clearly and consider what person(s)

would be good Stuart's for the organization going forward. Be mindful of the eligibility requirements for both voter and perspective nominee. Please check our bylaws for required information.

In keeping with the saying "each one teach one" and as we prepare for changes and improvements in our organization moving forward, we request your assistance (now) in the following areas and hope that you will come aboard and share some of your talents and help us continue our growth pattern. Please contact our National Secretary Cousin Cheryl Hatton at (313) 320-1533, or at [hattoncdt@yahoo.com](mailto:hattoncdt@yahoo.com) if you are willing to give some time with any of the following committees.

1. The Youth Advisory Committee
2. The Scholarship Committee
3. Historian Committee
4. Bylaws Committee
5. Activity Fund Raising Committee
6. Technical People with knowledge of:
  - a. Website Development
  - b. Social Media experience i.e., Facebook, Instagram, etc.
  - c. Asst. Secretary - with knowledge of Word, Excel, and Constant Contact etc.
  - d. Chapter Development Committee

These and other areas of concern to the family need to be addressed going forward; and that responsibility rest with each of us as family members. I thank all of you for what you do, and I personally appreciate the effort you give, your time and your financial gifts to our organization and I hope we will continue to build on that.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, and seeing you in sunny ATL.

God Bless and remain safe.

Respectfully,

Othniel