



FAMILY REUNION

MARCH 2019

NEWSLETTER 2019

WHEN

July 26-27, 2019

WHERE

Meet & Greet on Friday at 6:00 PM

At the home of Jerome & Doris Murray
5821 N. Beaver Lane
Raleigh, NC, 27604
(919) 630-6554

LUNCHEON on Saturday at 12 NOON-3 PM at

Marsh Creek Park Community Center
3050 N. New Hope Rd
Raleigh, NC 27604

**Scavenger Hunt and exploration in Downtown Raleigh after
the luncheon 3:30-5:00 PM.**

**DEADLINE TO
REGISTER & PAY IS
JUNE 22, 2019**

PRICE

\$35 Adults

\$15 ages 3-10

FREE for ages 2 or less

Payable with check or money
order by mail to

Doris Batts-Murray or Batts &
Cotton Family Reunion at

5821 N. Beaver Lane

Raleigh, NC 27604

or via PayPal on website at

battscotton.org



HOTELS



Hampton Inn & Suites

405 Hinton Oaks Blvd,
Knightdale, NC, 27545,

Guest Reservations

(866) 238-4218

\$107.00/ night (15 rooms on
hold)

**Complementary breakfast

**Located in Shopping Center

**Has microwave and fridge in
room

**For Special rates, mention
the Batts & Cotton Family
Reunion. Reservations
must be made by June 26,
2019.**

AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES (for those who still have energy left to release)

Frankie's Amusement Park or Bowling Alley...your choice

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU are the following three things:

1. Please vote on after hours activities that you want offered by calling or texting Damien Murray at (919) 632-3570 by April 12, 2019. The majority will decide on which activity we will participate. Your 2 choices are:

*1) **Frankie's Amusement Park** has go carts and arcade games (at your expense).

*2) **Bowling** takes place in a Bowling Alley. Out of pocket expenses apply here as well.

2. Please indicate the t-shirt size for each member of your party when making your payment. We will be including t-shirts this year (at no additional cost) with just the family logo on the front.



3. Please make your hotel reservations by July 5, 2019, at the Courtyard Marriott or by June 26, 2019 at Hampton Inn and Suites. After these dates, the rooms held will be released. Mention that you are booking under Batts & Cotton Family Reunion at both hotels to get these special rates, if you are calling in for reservations. If you are booking by computer or other device, we have web pages set up by each of the hotels at the web addresses as listed below.

For Hampton Inn

https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/R/RDUKNHX-BCR-20190726/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

For Courtyard by Marriott

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1550006265579&key=GRP>



Fashion Show Anyone?



Will you help to make this family reunion fun and fashionable by participating in a fashion show? It can be the latest in school clothing or foot ware, church wear, evening wear or everyday wear. I would love to have the children participate as well. Let me know if you will participate. Call or text Doris at (919) 630-6554. Thanks.

HOTELS CONTINUED

Courtyard Marriott

Located behind: Triangle Town Center (Mall)

Address: 3401 Sumner Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616

Phone: (919) 645-0088

\$109.00/night (10 rooms on hold)

**No complimentary meal (restaurant is on site)



**has refrigerators & microwaves in rooms

For Special rates, mention the Batts & Cotton Family Reunion.

Reservations must be made before July 5, 2019 in Courtyard only, or rooms held will be released.



FAMILY DUES

Please pay family dues to offset the expense of the family reunion. \$10 per household every family reunion year is what we ask. It allows us to charge a little less per family member for banquets and it increases our bank balance that comes in handy for the person planning the next family reunion. Please include it with the family reunion total when you pay. Thank you!

Do You Have Talent?

Why not share it with the rest of our family and compete with others at our family reunion on July 27 for cash?

First Prize \$50

2nd Prize \$25

3rd Prize \$15

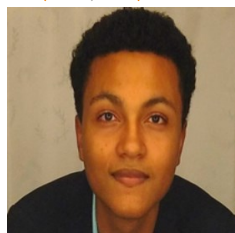


Family Updates

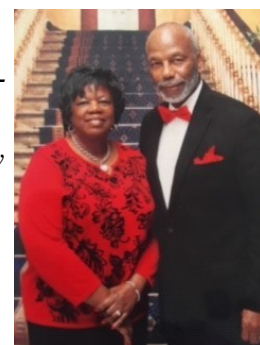


Frank "Eddie" Batts married the former Anita Warren on September 22, 2018. Anita was a resident of Portsmouth, VA. The couple now lives in Kansas City, Missouri. Eddie is the son of the late Jake & Queen Batts and the grandson of the late Frank & Minnie Batts. Welcome to the Batts' Family, Anita!

Solomon Gonzalez graduated valedictorian of Rocky Mount Senior High School June, 2018. Before graduation, he participated in the school's International Baccalaureate program, a high school academic program like the Advanced Placement (AP) program. Solomon was also a member of the National Honor Society, vice president and president of the school's student-lead community service group in his junior and senior years. He played soccer in his sophomore to senior years. His science classes furthered his curiosity in life and consequently his resolve in learning. Soccer taught him discipline and how to work with a team and being active in clubs helped him hone his interpersonal skills and ability to act as a vital part of a group. These important lessons are what he hopes to carry on into college. Solomon is currently attending Yale University in hopes of not only pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering, but to expand his horizons and learn about subjects outside his current knowledge base. Solomon is the son of Glenna Batts-Gonzalez, the grandson of Richard Batts and the great grandson of the late Willie & Dorothy Batts.



Milton & Melvia Batts planned, executed and hosted a very enjoyable Batts & Cotton Family Reunion on August 4 &



5, 2017 in Rocky Mount, NC. It started with a Meet & Greet at their home with a BBQ and fish fry and the fixings on Friday night, followed by the banquet with fun and games held at Booker T. Theater in downtown Rocky Mount on Saturday afternoon. A great time was had by all! Many thanks to Milton, Melvia & all who assisted!!

Stats for our 2017 Family

Reunion:

Total Registrants for the 2017 Family Reunion = 52 adults, 9 children= 62 people

Total attending banquet: 49 adults, 5 children=54 people

Collections:

for banquet \$1615.00

for dues: \$ 105.00

Total Collected \$1720.00

Expenses:

McCall's Catering: \$952.71

Other Expenses: \$783.00

Total Expenses: \$1735.71

Expenditures Over Collections: - \$15.71

Beginning Bank account balance: \$432.24

Ending Bank Balance: \$414.53

FYI: A CRUISE IS PLANNED:

A few of our family members (12 people, so far) have been planning a cruise in Europe, that was initially scheduled for April of 2019 with East Carolina University Alumni Chapter. It has been rescheduled for October 2019. Shortly after we decided to go, I sent an e-mail out to all family members for whom I had email addresses. Below is more information about the cruise and there is still some availability left.

ARTISTS & ARISTOCRATS

Date: Oct 29-Nov 6, 2019

Starting Price: \$2,299

Trip Length: 7 nights

Trip: Rome to Barcelona

Cruise line: Oceania Cruises | *Sirena*

Managed by GO NEXT



Take in the legacy of the great patrons, popes, and painters of the Mediterranean on this weeklong voyage. Depart from Civitavecchia and sail to Livorno, a jumping-off point for adventures in the monument-rich cities of Florence and Pisa and the idyllic Tuscan countryside. Monte Carlo, the next stop, is an extravagant city surrounded by the renowned destinations of Nice, Èze, and Cannes—all connected by the famous Grand Corniche—while Antibes, the following port, boasts the best natural sand beaches on the French Riviera. Continue to Marseille, France's oldest city and the gateway to the picturesque landscape and medieval town of Provence. Next, visit Palma de Mallorca, a town with impressive Moorish architecture and historic monuments. Finally, before ending your cruise in Barcelona, explore Valencia, famed for its unique mix of baroque cathedrals, futuristic architecture, and lush parks.

FEATURES

OCEANIA CRUISES OLIVE CHOICE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE AIRFARE • FREE UNLIMITED INTERNET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 FREE SHORE EXCURSIONS • OR FREE BEVERAGE PACKAGE • OR \$400 SHIPBOARD CREDIT
<p>Limited Availability Offers are per stateroom, based on double occupancy; air credit is \$800 per person</p>	

For more information call GO NEXT Toll Free [800-842-9023](tel:800-842-9023) or visit web page gonext.com.

ITINERARY

- ◆ October 29: Depart for Italy
- ◆ October 30: Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
- ◆ October 31: Florence/Pisa/Tuscany (Livorno), Italy
- ◆ November 1: Monte Carlo, Monaco
- ◆ November 2: Antibes, France
- ◆ November 3: Marseille/Provence, France
- ◆ November 4: Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- ◆ November 5: Valencia, Spain
- ◆ November 6: Barcelona, Spain



I Need Your Help

Not on our e-mail list? Please supply your email address and name, and I will keep you informed. Email dbattsmurray@outlook.com and provide me with your contact information. Thank you!

Please let me know if you will be participating in the talent contest or the fashion show! Call or text Doris Batts-Murray at (919) 630-6554. Thanks!