

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC.

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**FROM: Bernard Hairston, The National
Hairston Clan President**

To all my cousins and friends of the National Hairston Clan. I love you one and all. I thank you for all you do to help hold together and promote the National Hairston Clan.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas. I wish you all a Happy, Happy New Year.

We are near the verge of a New Year, 2004. At the end of this year, we must take a moment to reflect on what the year 2003 brought to us. As we examined the past year, we experienced mixed feelings according to our situation and circumstances. Sometimes we experienced a feeling of fright, other times a feeling of happiness, sorrowfulness; many times we felt thankful and successful. We thank God for being with us through it all. Without Him, we would not be here today. Without God, we would be nothing. Through His power, love, grace and mercy, we are able to do great things. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God gives us strength, knowledge, and power. He gives us ideas and teaches us how to present and perform them. It is because of Jesus Christ that the National Hairston Clan is in the process of doing great things for the National Hairston Clan Family. Not because of me and not because of you that the National Hairston Clan has prospered, but because of God

working in us and through us.

The year 2003 was a very, very successful year for The National Hairston Clan Family. We made many accomplishments for the wealth and growth of the Institution.

May I share a few of our accomplishments with you: (1) We are expecting an abundant increase in our Family Unit this year 2004. We are anticipating five to six Chapters to join our Family. (2) We have updated our Publication System. You will soon be able to click on the Website and find out all you want to know concerning the Hairston Clan Family. (3) The National Hairston Clan can now apply for Grants to help further the education of our young family members. (4) Mr. Roger Edmund has stepped forward with his expertise. He has given us much help as we apply for these grants. We thank and appreciate all the help he has given us. We realize there are people in this family with great knowledge and educational skills. So, if there is anyone of you with the knowledge in the area of Grants, if you would like to lend us a hand, we welcome and need you to come on board.

We also would like to thank Rose Matthews for all the help she gave us in getting names of the Hairstons from all over the world. She took the time to search the Website to find the names and send them to me. She volunteered her service to the Hairston Clan. We appreciate all the help she gave us. (5) As you all know, one of the greatest problems in any organization is Communication.

No matter what we do there is always someone who did not get the "word." Our GOAL is to improve this problem. In the past, we mailed Newsletters quarterly to you. Now we are in the process of setting up a website so you can "click" on and get the "word" as it is printed. (6) We are in the process of adding approximately two thousand Hairstons to our Contact List. We want them to know that we are cousins. This organization is for them, too. We welcome them to our organization. We try to inform them that the information concerning The National Hairston Clan is available to them.

As President of The National Hairston Clan, I want each of you to know that I appreciate all the hard work, the long hours each of you endured thinking, planning, putting ideas together in the Year 2003. Your work will not be in vain. We can see the results of your labor already. I am reminded of a little old man who resides in the nursing home where my wife, Dorothy, is employed as a registered nurse. His name is Theodore Dwyer. Whenever the staff does anything for him, he always says, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart." Then he would pause and say, "I really do." That phrase is really appreciated by the staff when they hear it. It is seldom spoken there. Many of the residents are unable to speak. So, may I repeat that phrase and say to you, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I really do." (Smile)

Allow me to repeat: This year, 2003, was a successful year. We are looking for your input. We are working for you. Let us hear from you. We want to make 2004 even better.

Thank you ALL from the
Bottom of my Heart.

I really do.

Continue to pray to God.

Ask Him to carry
us through.

God's blessings to all of you.

I read this article in a magazine. It was written by an anonymous writer. This article gave me the reason for the CHRISTMAS SEASON.

I was going to just put her away privately. I loved her so deeply, to cause her embarrassment just did not seem right. Then there was the name of our families to be considered. We were raised to protect our families' name at all cost, not only for honor's sake, but also for the sake of business. Who would come to a carpenter whose reputation had been ruined? Later that night as I went to sleep, I knew what I had to do in the morning. That was the night my life changed forever. I have heard the stories told of how the angel of the Lord appeared to people in dreams, but never in a thousand years did I think they would visit me. Yet, that is how it happened—As I slept, an angel of the Lord appeared to me telling me to take Mary as my wife. Then the angel reminded me of the prophet's words that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a Savior for the world. Mary was to be the mother of our Savior. As the sun rose and broke through the darkness of the night, I knew a peace that I had never experienced before. I went to find Mary. She had a smile and a glow upon her face as she told me that an angel had spoken to her. The angel said she was to carry the Christ-Child. It all became clear, and I understood the fear of the "Yahweh" in a new way. I knew Mary could raise this Christ-Child, but me—I was just a carpenter. I had never even been a father, and now I was to be the father of the Savior of the world.

As the time drew closer, I decided to use my carpentry skills to build a cradle for our new baby. I went to the forest and began my search for the tree that our baby would rest upon. As I was looking, I was reminded of the proposition that had been made to me by the Roman government. They had asked me, a Jewish carpenter, to make their cruel Roman Crosses for their criminal executions. I had refused their offer—how could I make such an object of torture, shame, and death? Now, today I was here to find a cradle for my baby to rest upon, not a cross for a criminal to die upon. Each night I worked diligently shaving and smoothing the wood of this cradle. I wanted this child of mine to have a place to lay his head.

The next nine months brought to us a mixture of

laughter, fear, and tears. I will never forget the first time I heard Mary laugh as she felt the baby move inside her. The day came when she placed my hand on her growing stomach and I felt the baby move. Could it really be true that the Christ-Child was in her womb? Mary's unwavering faith daily reminded me of the task that had been set before us.

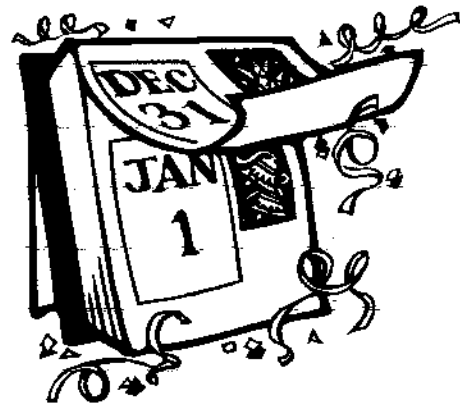
Soon word began to spread that Mary was to have a child. It was hard to watch as Mary's friends began to turn away from her. She could not explain to them how the Holy Spirit came upon her, but who would believe her anyway. People would often whisper and point to us as we walked down the street, or went into the temple. Some would stop and ask me, "Are you excited about becoming a new father?" Those were the times when the voice in my head became the loudest, reminding me that I could have put her away privately and avoided all this hardship. Yet, Mary never hung her head in shame. She quietly went about her daily duties always preparing for the child and the Savior of those very people who mocked her.

As the day arrived that she was to deliver, a decree went out that all the world should be taxed. We had to leave our home and all we had prepared for our child to travel to Bethlehem. I was angry with Caesar. I had worked for months to make our home perfect for the Savior of the world to enter, and now we had to go to Bethlehem. All my plans were falling before me. This was not how I wanted the Savior to come into the world.

Now all of that has changed. Tonight as I sit on the ground by a stable, all my fears and disappointments seem miles away. Tonight, I am no longer focused on "my plans" for the Savior. I am only focused on "God's plan" for the Savior. Tonight, I only look in the face of the baby---My Savior.

Bernard J. Hairston

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INFORMATION UPDATE

Chapters Project

Mr. Roger Edmund communicated with each Chapter President concerning his project at our last National Hairston Clan Reunion. I trust each of you are eagerly working to meet his request. See "Attachment" in the October 2003 Newsletter, page 4, listed under "New Business."

Website

The National Hairston Clan's websites are now available. From now on information pertaining to The National Hairston Clan Family will be placed on these websites. This information can be obtained by each of you. We have several websites at present. They are: (1) wwwHairstonClan.com (2) wwwHairstonClanInc.com (3) wwwHairstonFamily.org. These computers will be a great asset to the Hairston Clan. They will save much time and money. Speaking of saving money--due to the cost of mailing Newsletters, in the future we will place our Newsletter on our websites. (wwwHairstonClan.com) (wwwHairstonClanInc.com) (wwwHairstonFamily.org) We hope to have enough websites for everyone. You may download from the website to get the information you want. If you have not purchased your computer yet, you can go to the library. They will download this information for you.

If you have no method of receiving the Newsletter at all, please let me know. I will gladly, personally see that you get one.

Internal Auditor

On January 7, 2004, an audit was made on the Treasure Report. All the books, records were correct and in order. It was a very good report. Mr. Cecil Hairston did a good job with the Treasury Department. The following people were present at this meeting: Cecil Hairston, Treasurer; Bernard J. Hairston, President; John W. Hairston, Second Vice President; John T. Hairston, Internal Auditor. (See Attachment III for Financial Report.)

Membership

As you all know, we have started a recruiting program. We realize there are a lot of Hairstons out there. They are not a part of our Family. We want to contact them, make them aware of our Family and invite them to join us. I direct your attention to the memo in your October 2003 Newsletter, pages 21 and 22. We already have received approximately 3300 Hairstons. We have placed these names on the website as Non-Registered Members along with our already Registered Members. We also need names, addresses, and zip codes of persons whose "Family" name was "Hairston", who are not Members of the Hairston Clan. I will mail a letter to each Member of the Hairston Family. I will let them know we are all cousins. I will be very, very happy to meet them by letters. I will look forward to the time when we can meet in person. I will encourage them to observe the information on the website. I hope they will become Registered Members. In order for them to become a Registered Member, we will need the information that is on the General Information Form. (See Attachment I.) This information can be mailed to the National Hairston Clan, Inc.; 2530 Hickory Fork Road; Walnut Cove, NC 27052 or it can be E-Mailed to: stcohch@NetPath_Pc.Net.

Scholarship

Mr. Harold Gorrell is our Scholarship Chairperson. He has the names of the recipients who received awards for the year 2003. (See Attachment IV.)

To All Local Chapter Presidents

We ask that all Chapter Presidents be familiar with the General Information Purpose Form. (See Attachments I and II.) This Form covers all the information we need on each individual for the entire year. We ask each individual to complete the Form with correct address and telephone number. This will help all committees to serve them better.

When time permits, please become familiar with page 7 of the **Standard Operating Procedures**, listed under the title "Local Chapter

Responsibilities.” There you will see that the scheduling of events has changed. We will begin our work at the first of the year. We will not wait one or two months before our Annual Reunion is scheduled.

Chapter Presidents, please think of a formula to maintain the 20 elected and 20 appointed Members of the Board of Directors or a way to amend the Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate representation to the Board from the New Chapters joining The National Hairston Clan, Inc.

Host Chapter

The National Hairston Clan's Annual Reunion will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in the year 2004. For information concerning this Reunion, please contact the Chairman of the Board, Robert Hairston at 398 Hairston Road, Lexington, NC 27295. Phone No. (336) 853-6764. E-Mail: RLHairston@LexComInc.Net; also, Ms. Valerie Hairston; 3230 Mercer University Dr., Apt. 323; Atlanta, GA 30341. Phone No. (770) 491-3160. E-Mail: VaHairston1@AOL.com.

Application To Organize A Local Chapter Of The National Hairston Clan, Inc.

The Form designed for this purpose is near completion. It will be sent to the areas who are in the process of forming a Chapter. This form can be requested for the National President or Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Condolence

Sometime ago, we lost one of our loved ones. She passed away December 22, 2003. She was Mrs. Katherine H. Hairston. She lived at 1208 Irving Ave.; Eden, NC 27289. She was a native of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. She was a retired employee of the Rockingham County Public Schools. She was the mother of Carol Latham, whom we know and love. She can be reached at the above address. Phone No. (336)

627-4575. We all mourn her lost. She was survived by a host of family and friends.



“Love Lives on Forever in the Heart.”

*Love lives on forever
in each special memory and thought
Of the special ones
who meant so much
and the happiness they brought.*

*Love lives on forever --
it will never fade away --
For, in our hearts,
our loved ones
are with us every day.*

*In loving remembrance
of someone
so very special.*



ATTACHMENT NO. I

GENERAL INFORMATION PURPOSE FORM

Name of Chapter _____

Member's Full Name _____

Complete Address _____

Phone No. (____) _____

Date _____

Age _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

17 or less	\$	1.00
18 - 64 Years		2.50
65 and Over		0.00
Pre-Registration		3.50
Bd. of Director's Fee		25.00
Banquet Ticket		40.00
Reunion Packages:	(A)	75.00
	(B)	45.00
	(C)	20.00
Child Package (12 & under)		40.00

Adult Sizes

Small
Medium
Large
X-Large
XX
XXX
XXXX

Children Sizes

Small
Medium
Large
X-Large

Advertisement Application Price List:

Silver Page	\$225.00
Full Page	\$125.00
Half Page	\$ 65.00
Quarter Page	\$ 35.00
Patron - Single	\$ 2.00
Patron - Mr. & Mrs.	\$ 5.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

(INCLUDE AD WITH THIS FORM)

(ATTACHMENT I Continued)

ATTACHMENT I (Continued)

CHAPTER PRESIDENT USE ONLY

Local Chapter Name _____
Chapter President _____

Total Membership Dues:	\$ _____.
Total Pre-Registration	_____.
Total Board of Directors	_____.
Total Scholarship	_____.
Total Banquet Tickets	_____.
Reunion Packages:	
Total @ \$75.00	_____.
Total @ \$45.00	_____.
Total @ \$20.00	_____.
Total Child Package @ \$40.00	_____.

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____.

Date Money was mailed out: _____

Total Money sent: \$ _____.

To whom was the Money sent:
Name _____

Address of receiver: _____

ATTACHMENT II

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INCORPORATED

The Largest Family in the United States

~ REUNION PACKAGES ~

ADULT PACKAGE A

\$75.00

Hairston Clan One Year Membership
The National Hairston Clan, Inc. Quarterly NEWSLETTER Subscription
Hairston Clan Awards Banquet Ticket
Hairston Clan Souvenir Booklet
Hairston Clan Cookout Ticket
Hairston Clan T-Shirt

ADULT PACKAGE B

\$45.00

Hairston Clan One Year Membership
The National Hairston Clan, Inc. Quarterly NEWSLETTER Subscription
Hairston Clan Cookout Ticket
Hairston Clan T-Shirt
Hairston Clan Souvenir Booklet
Hairston Clan Souvenir Mug (while supply last)

ADULT PACKAGE C

\$20.00

Hairston Clan One Year Membership
The National Hairston Clan, Inc. Quarterly NEWSLETTER Subscription
Hairston Clan Cookout Ticket
Hairston Clan Souvenir Coffee Mug (while supply last)

CHILD PACKAGE (12 YEARS AND UNDER)

\$40.00

Hairston Clan Awards Banquet Ticket
Hairston Clan Cookout Ticket
Hairston Clan T-Shirt

~ Item Prices If Sold Separately ~

Banquet Ticket - \$40.00
Cookout Ticket - \$5.00
Souvenir Booklet - \$10.00
T-Shirt - \$15.00
Cup - \$5.00
License Plate - \$5.00
Cap - \$15.00

(All Packages and Items available for purchase at the Registration Desk)

ATTACHMENT III

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC
 2003 FINANCIAL REPORT
 WESTIN CROWN CENTER
 KANSAS CITY, MO

ITEM	INCOME	DISBURSEMENTS
ADS/PATRON	\$3,375.50	
MEMBERS DUES	\$412.50	
BANQUET	\$6,857.64	
CHAPTER DONATIONS	\$4,000.00	
SP-DONATIONS	\$178.00	
DOROTHY HAIRSTON	\$200.00	
NELSON G HAIRSTON	\$500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,523.64	
AD SOURCE, INC		\$2,278.80
WESTIN CROWN CENTER		\$5,784.00
REUNION BOOKS		\$3,554.59
VOUCHERS		\$3,540.26
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$15,157.65

DONATION FROM BERNARD HAIRSTON FROM 2002-2003

240hrs per year @ \$10.00 per hr	\$2,400.00
3500 miles travel @ 16.cent per mile	\$560.00
Phone & Internet service	
Long Dist @ \$11.00 per month	
E-mail @ \$26.00 per month	\$444.00
Labor Cost	\$4,575.00
Gift of (2) cash registers	\$812.00
2003 expense voucher	\$3,728.52
	\$12,519.52

ATTACHMENT III (Continued)

**THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC
2003 TREASURER REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**

CHECKING		
BALANCE ON HAND FEBRUARY 1, 2003		\$1,181.66
RECEIPTS		
MEMBERS ' DUES	\$412.50	
ADS & PATRONS	\$3,242.00	
PROCEEDS FROM BANQUET	\$2,656.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,310.50
TOTAL		\$7,492.16
DISBURSEMENTS		
VOUCHERS	\$1,621.60	
REUNION BOOKS	\$3,554.59	
AD SOURCE, INC	\$2,278.80	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$7,454.99
TOTAL		\$37.17
		\$7,492.16
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND FEBRUARY 1, 2003		\$5,837.47
RECEIPTS		
DONATIONS	\$878.00	
CHAPTER DONATIONS	\$4,000.00	
PROCEEDS FROM BANQUET	\$4,207.64	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$9,085.64
TOTAL		\$14,923.11
DISBURSEMENTS		
VOUCHERS	\$1,918.66	
WESTIN CROWN CENTER	\$5,784.00	
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$6,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$13,702.66
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003		\$1,220.45
TOTAL		\$14,923.11

ATTACHMENT IV

Updated: 10/2003

2003 - NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FINAL SELECTEE DATA

Name (L/F/M)	Home Address	Telephone #	Home	Date Of Birth	Nominating Chapter	Award Amount (\$)	Official GPA	Applying Score (%)	Comments, etc.
Jensen, David K.	410 Dickerson St., Phila, PA 19147	(313) 354-1875		Jan. 20, 1983	Camden (Phila.)	\$ 800.00	2.6	84%	
orton, Michael A.	3773 Elm Monticello Dr., Greensboro, NC 27406	(336) 273-4736		Jan. 31, 1982	Davidson County	\$ 800.00	3.4	91%	Sec. Highest score & GPA
eb, Chazn A.	2400 S. Loop W., Meadow Ridge Apt. #1012, Houston, TX 77054	(713) 664-1842		July 12, 1980	Kansas City (MO)	\$ 800.00 *	2.9	86%	* Pending Chptr. Schlr. Dues
oper, Patrick J.	1011 Roundabout Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112	(703) 638-2358		Oct. 24, 1984	Martinsville (VA)	\$ 400.00	3.33	92%	
orman, Kasha S.	211 Patrick Henry Ave., Anton, VA 24064	(703) 652-0438		May 10, 1985	Martinsville (VA)	\$ 400.00	3.75	97%	NO CREDIT FROM COLLEGE Highest Score & GPA
ools, Richard C.	11206-H Banerwallow Pl., Waldorf, MD 20603	(301) 374-3445		Mar. 18, 1984	Metro /DC	\$ 800.00	2.8	80%	
avanaugh, Marjinda J.	60 Bassett Ave., Roosevelt, NY 11575	(516) 377-5645		Mar. 07, 1985	New York	\$ 400.00	3.4	93%	
ardant, Shawn A.	250 Woodworth Ave., (9365), NY, NY 10033	(212) 932-4471		July 01, 1980	New York	\$ 400.00	3.38	90%	
we, Erica N.	2515 Hickory Fork Rd., Walnut Cove, NC 27052	(336) 427-0469		Feb. 07, 1985	Stokes County	\$ 800.00	3.2	91%	
nomas, Joshua A.	2442 Jefferson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27103	(336) 725-3885		Jan. 16, 1983	Winston-Salem	\$ 800.00	2.6	84%	
recipients / Awards					Particip. Chapters	\$ 6,400.00	3.136	89%	
					Adjustment	-500	(Avg. GPA)	(Avg. Score)	
						\$69,000			

NEW TOTAL:

This student (Kasha S. Norman) has not received the Committee's School Enrollment Cert. (request for award). Therefore I am not requesting a check for her; I'm my request to be removed as well. I also indicated this to him. Please communicate w/ Carol about sending the check.

P.S.: Sorry about the misunderstanding etc., but I thought the best thing we could do was agreed I would send you an update on the

