

# NEWSLETTER

**FROM: Bernard Hairston, National President**

Greetings to all my cousins and friends of the National Hairston Clan, Inc.

**What If It's True?** "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is." That's usually good advice. But there are exceptions. Someone does win the sweepstakes. Some people do find job offers that are far better than they thought possible. Wise people are careful. Thoughtful people are not blindly cynical. With due caution and realistic optimism, we have reason to ask questions about spiritual beliefs which, if true, lead to personal discoveries that are far better than we ever thought possible. This Easter Season brings this to mind.

**Reasonable Doubt.** On June 17, 1966, two men were arrested outside Paterson, New Jersey, for the murders of two men and a woman at Paterson's Lafayette Bar & Grill. One of the two men arrested was Rubin "Hurricane" Carter--A boxer who had been a serious contender at the middle-weight level. Carter and his friend, John Artis, were tried. On May 27, 1967, they were found guilty of murder and sentenced to three consecutive terms of life behind bars.

Nine years later, the New Jersey Supreme Court over turned the convictions of Carter and Artis. The Judges unanimously ruled that the prosecution withheld evidence favorable to the defense. So they ordered a new trial. Later in the same year, the two were again found guilty and the same sentences reimposed. After another nine years, on November 7, 1985, Judge H. Lee Sarokin of Federal District Court in Newark asked:

**What Does The Evidence Really Say?** New Jersey over turned the second trial convictions. Judge Sarokin ruled that the original convictions were based on "Racism" rather than reason and concealment, rather than disclosure." The trials of Rubin Carter shows the importance of questions like: "What if it's true?" "What does the evidence really say?" But there are other areas, outside the Courts, where even more is at stake. Coming back to the Easter Season, have you considered the evidence that was presented by the four Gospel writers--Matthews, Mark, Luke, and John? If it's true, what does it mean for you?

**What Are Your Perspectives On Can't?**

It will never work.--Our people won't go for it.--We've never done it before.--It's too complicated.--We don't have the resources.--There's not enough time.--It's a waste of money.--We don't have enough money.--We're understaffed.--We don't have enough room.--It will never fly.--We don't have the equipment.--It's not going to be

any better.--It can't be done.--I don't have any idea.--Let someone else deal with it.--We're always changing direction.--It's too radical a change.--It takes too long for approval.--Our people won't buy it.--Our ministry is the wrong size.--It doesn't fit us.--It's contrary to policy.--It's not my job.--I can't.

## **What Are Your Perspectives On Can Do?**

Let's give it a try.--Let's show them the opportunities.--We have the opportunity to be first.--Let's look at it from a different angle.--Necessity is the mother of invention.--We'll reevaluate some priorities.--We learned from the experience.--We can make it work.--Think of the possibilities.--The investment will be worth it.--Let's ask those who do.--There is always room for improvement.--God will supply our need.--One with God is a majority.--Temporary space may be an option.--We'll never know until we try.--Maybe we can sub it out.--Let's try it one more time.--It'll be a challenge.--Let's open the channels.--Days go so quickly around here.--We will come up with some alternatives.--We're ready to learn something new.--We're in touch with our people.--Let's take a chance.--We'll walk it through the system.--We're perfect for this opportunity.--We should look at it.--Anything is possible.--We can.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Registration Committee:**

Ms. Rosalyn Hairston has become our new Registration Committee Chairperson. Her address is: 1230 Pennsylvania Ave., Apt.-12 E; Brooklyn, NY 11239. Phone Number: (718) 642-1486 --- Please assist her in any way you can.

I thank Mrs. Patricia Hairston, the out-going chairperson, for all of the hard work she put into the job. We are thankful for your willingness to help Rosalyn in getting her feet wet. Thanks again.

### **General Information Purpose Form:**

The best way to explain the General Information Purpose Form is to tell you what has taken place in the Stokes County Chapter: (1) First, we had many, many questions about the form. Basically, it is easy and self-explanatory. Just remember that what ever we, or your Chapter does for the National Hairston Clan, Inc., use the fundraising tickets. Because it gives you or your Chapter a chance to win one of the three prizes. (2) I received a call from a local Chapter President asking the question if the fundraising tickets could be used to pay for the Chapter Scholarship Fund. The answer was yes. I have talked to some of the Chapter Presidents and passed this on to them. Now I'm passing this fact to all Presidents. (3) Once our members understood, they thought the General Information Purpose form and the Fundraising Tickets was better than Ice Tea. I used up all of my tickets. Now I am waiting for more to be made. (4) We

made our deadline on getting the information to the National Hairston Clan, Inc. Treasurer by the Second Monday of March. (5) The Chapter President and Members should remember the purposes for the General Information Form and the Fundraising Tickets is to get everything done as soon as possible and not let it drag out until a few days before our September meeting. (6) At the end of this month, I will be mailing out our Ticket Stubs to the Fundraising Chairman, Mr. William M. Hairston. Address: 507 Winnetka Ave.; Richmond, VA 23227. Phone Number: (804) 262-5126. He will have the drawing April 25. I have asked him to hold the Tickets that he was suppose to mail each Local Chapter President, and now I will ask the Local Chapter Presidents to call him when Tickets are needed. (7) All General Information Purpose Forms with a Money Order or Certified Check for all items that are ordered by Members will be sent to the National Hairston Clan, Inc. Treasurer, Ms. Elnora Hairston. Address: 398 Hairston Road; Lexington, NC 27292. Phone Number: (336) 853-6255. She will extract the information she needs, and then mail the forms to me. We will use the information to establish a mailing list and send the Members' orders to the proper Committees.

## **LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

I want to thank you for your hard work, your task is very difficult at times. The Executive Officers and the Consultants are here for you, so don't hesitate to use us.

## **MEMBERS**

With out you, we would not have the National Hairston Clan, Inc. organization. Remember, we work for you. There's no problem to large for us to solve. Let us hear from you.

I trust your Easter Holidays were happy and joyful. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity (Psalms 133:1).

I pray God will bless each family gathered and bless all families every where; help us love one another and reach out in love to others. In Jesus name. Amen. God bless each one of you.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Checking Account: \$ 681.04  
Scholarship Account: \$ 5,569.43

**FROM THE FAMILY HISTORIAN**  
**INFORMATION ON LAND GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC**  
**HAIRSTON FAMILY CEMETERY**  
**STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Hairston Cemetery in Stokes County, North Carolina was visited and inventoried on February 12, 2002 by Mr. Frank Hairston, Mr. Bernard Hairston, Mr. John Will Hairston, Mr. Beverly Millner and Ms. Nancy Mays.

The condition of this cemetery has been neglected over the years. There are three graves in this cemetery surrounded by a rock wall. This wall is in need of major repair. The graves inside this wall are covered with concrete slabs. Some of the slabs are badly broken and in need of repair. The inscription on one of the slabs reads as follows: Peter Hairston, born in Virginia, February 24<sup>th</sup> 1752, died the first day of 1832. (This information has been compared with other historical data about Peter Hairston. This Peter was the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Robert Hairston and Ruth Stovall Hairston; he married Alice (Alcey) Perkins, and settled in Upper Saura Town, North Carolina. Issue: one daughter Ruth Stovall Hairston, born: 1783). There is another grave covered with a concrete slab surrounded by the rock wall with the name "Alice" inscribed on it but the other part of the inscription is illegible. (This is Peter's wife. See page 17, second column, second paragraph of The Coolemece Plantation and Its People). The third grave surrounded by the rock wall, covered with a concrete slab, has no inscription.

There are many fallen trees in the cemetery and large trees are growing out of some of the graves. There are a few graves with tombstones, however, some of the tombstones are broken or have fallen over. Fieldstones mark most of the graves.

**The legible tombstones were inscribed as follows:**

- John Goolsby, Born: 23 Dec. 1831, Died: 17 Jun. 1918.
- Thenie Goolsby, Born: 1829, Died: 11 Jun. 1906.
- Hairston Goolsby, Born: 31 Aug. 1869, Died: 15 Apr. 1921.
- Mary L. Goolsby, Born: 1 Jan. 1871, Died: 12 Jan. 1923.
- Alvin Howard Morgan, Born: 26 Sept. 1900, Died: 5 Apr. 1925, Age: 24 Yrs., 6 Months and 9 Days.
- Mother Eliza A. Morgan, Born: 25 Dec. 1874, Died: 11 Apr. 1941.
- Mary (No last name listed) Born: 17 Feb. 1858, Died: 25 Oct. 1861.
- California (No last name listed) Born: 4 May 1854, Died: 30 Nov. (1861 ?).
- R. L. Hairston, Born: 5 July 1866, Died: 25 Feb. 1931.
- Lemly V., son of R. L. & Sallie Hairston, Died: 23 Oct. 1910, Age: 16 Yrs.

There were several other graves with tombstones. However, the inscriptions were illegible. The most recent burial in this cemetery was 1941.

Dr. Nelson George Hairston is preparing to survey and deed approximately (3) three acres to include this cemetery to the National Hairston Clan, Inc. sometime in the near future. We will keep you updated on the progress of this obtainment.

**HISTORIAN**

**Mr. Beverly Millner**  
**2713 AL Philpott Highway**  
**Axton, VA 24054**  
**Phone: (540) 650-3041**

## FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

### NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC. – 2002 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

##### ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ High School Seniors, Undergraduate College Students, and past National Hairston Clan Scholarship recipients (undergraduate). (graduate students are not eligible).
- ❖ Must attend college during the 2002-2003 academic year on a full-time basis.
- ❖ *Recipients MUST have their 'full-time' enrollment status (2002-2003) "certified" by their college/institution for scholarship award funding.*
- ❖ Children and/or immediate family members of current National Executive Board Members, National Board Members, or Scholarship Committee Members are not eligible for the National Hairston Clan Scholarships.

##### HOW TO APPLY

- ❖ Obtain a *current scholarship application (2002\*)* by contacting the *Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Harold Gorrell, 1665 N. 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Phila., PA 19151*, or inquire through a local chapter affiliate. (*\*Improper/incorrect applications will not be considered*).
- ❖ Complete the application and submit with ALL required documents, to the Scholarship Committee on or before the **Deadline Date (June 28, 2002\*\*)**.

##### REQUIRED INFORMATION/ DOCUMENTATION:

- ❖ Completed (current/2002) "National Hairston Clan Scholarship Application"
- ❖ High School or College Grade Transcript (official).
- ❖ Submit any of the following documents/forms:
  - 2001 Federal Income Tax Return (signed copy).
  - 2001 W-2 Form (employee wages); or any 'official' documentation indicating wages/benefits for 2001.
- ❖ Letter indicating why the applicant is applying to the scholarship program, which *must be on a separate sheet*.

**\*\*\* DEADLINE DATE: JUNE 28, 2002; (ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE. ("NO EXCEPTIONS").**

**FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**SELECTION:**

- ❖ A primary selection criterion is academic achievement with secondary consideration given to applicants who demonstrate greater financial need.
- ❖ All scholarship selections made by the scholarship committee are final. Scholarship recipients are selected by the committee and approved by the national board.
- ❖ The scholarship committee will determine the award amounts and make recommendation to the national board for approval.
- ❖ Applicant information is for official use only and will be held in strict confidence.

**HAROLD GORRELL, CHAIRPERSON**  
**1655 N. 61<sup>ST</sup> STREET,**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151 - (215) 879-3355**

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**DEADLINE DATE: JUNE 28, 2002**





## **FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

**FUNDRAISING** -- Contact has been made at the Non-Profit Resource Center to secure a list of Foundations and Organizations who are potential funders of grants and other types of donations to the National Hairston Clan, Inc. for our Scholarship Fund. Please continue to share this type of information with our organization so it can be disseminated to all Chapters.

**ANNUITIES** -- Facts are being gathered as to how monies can be set aside by individual donors in the "Memory Of" or in "Honor Of" a designated individual, so the interest can be used by the National Hairston Clan, Inc. for scholarships.

We will keep you posted as the above projects develop.

## **NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS**

### **BOARD MEETING**

Information will be forthcoming for the Annual Board Meeting to be held in May.