

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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April 2004

FROM: Bernard Hairston, The National
Hairston Clan President

To all my cousins, neighbors, friends, and family of the National Hairston Clan. I would like to thank you for all you have done to help improve and promote this organization. Let us all continue to love one another. Let us never stop praying together, working together to make this the greatest organization in the world.

In your January 2004 issue of the Newsletter, we want to remind you of one of our goals to increase our Family Membership, to encourage our communication and to improve our organization. If we are the "Largest Family in the World," we should act, function, and work to that effect.

As I ride along the roads, I can see people in their yards getting ready for the spring season. We see all kinds of tools in their hands. I am awakened in the morning by the noise from the neighbor's tractor. Man always has a way of communicating with each other even at a distance. This reminds me of the telephone calls and E-Mails I have received from my cousins all over the world. I appreciate every email and letter received. I will include some E-mail in this Newsletter. Due to time and space I cannot include all of them, as I told you on the phone. I love and appreciate every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I am anxious to meet you in

person. As I read the E-Mails and letters, I discovered these Hairstons were inquiring about different things. Some expressed the desire to know more about their Family heritage. Some wanted to have fun. Others wanted to meet and join in unity with the Family. They were delighted to know we are cousins. They are anxious to share our love, friendship, and our new beginnings.

It's so easy to live in the world of wishful thinking. Life would be better, more wonderful, more different "IF" in contrast with this is the person who finds purpose, satisfaction, joy, and meaning right where he is. He doesn't live on "Rose-Colored" memories. Instead of wishing, one's circumstance would improve if he lives in the joy of the present.

The Bible talks about this kind of life. It also talks about people who have experienced it. It's incredible. The people it describes had little wealth, a future full of trouble and a past of despair. Yet, they found a new dimension to life that helped them live their life just as it was. They even bloomed right where they were planted. This life was so contagious they shared it with others. They found trusting in Jesus Christ, as Savior was a new life they could never have purchased. No one can take it away from them. You too can discover this new life. You will find love that is not based on your feelings and merits, but on unending mercies of God (Romans 5:8). --Freedom from guilt because Jesus Christ has taken the punishment for your sins (1

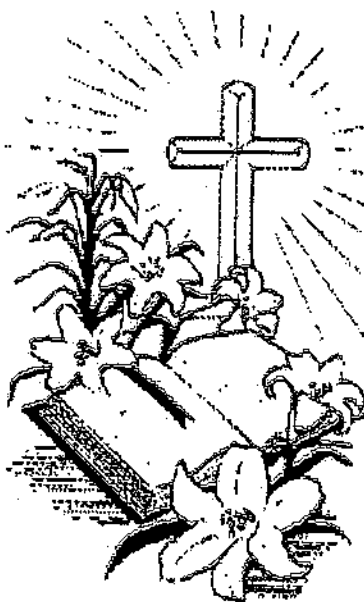
Peter 3:18). In Jesus Christ you will find friendship that will never disappoint you. Jesus promised, "I will never leave, nor forsake thee" Hebrew 13:5). -- You will have a reason for living, because following Jesus Christ gives true meaning and purpose to life (John 14:6). We have an unshakable future firmly based on Christ's Promise. "I will come again" (John 14:3). When we trust Jesus, we will have an eternal home where killjoys of earth--such as selfishness, hatred, death will all be gone. (Revelation 21:4).

If you would like to put your trust in Jesus Christ, you can pray something like this today:

Lord thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die for my sins and rise from the dead so that I can know your forgiveness and be with you forever. I ask Jesus to be my Savior so that I can begin to live today in the Joy of Your love (By CNP).

Bernard J. Hairston

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER



INFORMATION UPDATE

Board of Directors Meeting

Greetings to the Hairston Family Members and Friends. We received information concerning the National Hairston Reunion. The place, time, and date of the Executive Board Meeting from our National Hairston Clan Board Chairman, Mr. Robert L. Hairston. (See Attachment #1.)

Ms. Valerie Hairston has given us some information of the activities planned for the Annual Family Reunion. We are very thankful for the work she and her group are doing for us. Thanks again. (See Attachment #2.)

Scholarships

Enclosed is also an E-Mail that may benefit some of our members and friends. (See Attachment #3.)

Financial Report

Thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. Cecil Hairston for the timely, good work he accomplished for the National Hairston Clan Family. (See Attachment #4.)

Letter of January 17, 2004 and E-Mail Responses

The letter sent out in January is included in this Newsletter followed by the E-Mails that was mentioned in the beginning of the Newsletter by President Bernard Hairston. (See Attachment #5)

ATTACHMENT #1

Greetings to the Hairston Family members and friends,

I trust that all is well with each of you.

Reunion plans for Atlanta are almost completed and looking great – you really do not want to miss the 31st National Hairston Clan Reunion. Atlanta has lots of activities to offer and the Atlanta Chapter members are very excited. Get ready for Atlanta.

Our Executive Board meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel on May 22 at 10:00 am. This will give us an opportunity to welcome the Atlanta Chapter, experience the reunion site and share some Hairston stories.

If you have comments or questions, please contact me at 336-853-6764 or by email rlhawk@lexcominc.net.

Thoughts to live by:

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambitions inspired, and success achieved.”

- Helen Keller

BE CHEERFUL. Do not burden or depress those around you by dwelling on your minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of burden, often heavier than your own.

I look forward to seeing you in May and September.

Robert L. Hairston
National Hairston Clan Board Chairman



The National Hairston Clan, Inc.

31st Annual Family Reunion

"Preserving the tradition.....passing the torch"

The Atlanta Chapter invites you to
the Peach State for our 2004 Family Reunion

When: Friday, September 3rd - Sunday, September 5th 2004

Where: OMNI HOTEL
AT CNN CENTER

100 CNN Center, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 www.omnicnn.com

The luxurious AAA Four-diamond Omni Hotel at CNN Center is located in the heart of downtown within the CNN Center Complex. Situated across from Centennial Olympic Park, connected to Philips Arena and the Georgia World Congress Center, it is the closest hotel to the Georgia Dome. Just 15 minutes from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

Room Rates: \$95 for single or double occupancy

Things to do:

- 1) Enjoy the family!
- 2) **CNN Studio Tours**-The Omni is located within CNN World Headquarters, home of CNN News, CNN Headline News, Braves Clubhouse Store and the Turner Store
- 3) **Stroll Centennial Olympic Park** across the street-a 21-acre park honoring the 1996 Olympic Games featuring the dramatic Olympic Fountain of Rings, Water Gardens and Quilt Plaza
- 4) Visit the **Martin Luther King, Jr. History Center** 10 minutes away
- 5) **Philips Arena, Georgia Dome and the Georgia World Congress Center**, one of the largest sporting, entertainment and convention complexes in the world are adjacent to the Omni
- 6) **Underground Atlanta**, a downtown hotspot for shopping, dining and entertainment is 6 blocks away
- 7) **World of Coca-Cola Museum**-at the end of your self guided tour you will be treated to your favorite soft drink, dramatically delivered by the "Spectacular Fountain" as well as enjoy the "Taste of the World" where you can sample 22 soft drink brands by Coca-Cola from around the world.
- 8) **Six Flags Over Georgia**, will unveil its 10th new roller coaster-Wile E Coyote Canon Blaster this year! Its just a short drive away.
- 9) There is much more to enjoy!

Stay tuned for more details to follow.

Dot

From: Jones, Darlinda Bellizan <DBELLIZ@GAPAC.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 8:12 AM
Subject: FW: Harvard's Tuition Announcement

Forwarded for your information and your use, pass it on!
Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000. If you are a mentor or have nieces and nephews who might be interested, please give them this information.
Subject: Harvard's
Tuition Announcement

If you know anyone/family earning less than \$40K with a brilliant child near ready for college, please pass this along.

Harvard's Tuition Announcement Highlights Failure of Prestigious

Universities to Enroll Low-Income Students

March 1, 2004: Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only 10 percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in lower half the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

This initiative puts severe pressure on other well-endowed colleges and universities to adopt similar measures. Some commentators believe that Harvard's announcement was made in response to Princeton University's decision six years ago to eliminate all tuition charges for families earning less than \$40,000 (adjusted annually to take inflation into account) and its subsequent decision three years later to substitute all student loans with outright grants.

The Harvard announcement indicates that the Princeton plan has had some success in drawing to Princeton some of the high-achieving, low-income students who typically went to Harvard.

Each year The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education gathers figures from the U.S. Department of Education relating to the percentage of students at the nation's leading colleges and universities who receive federal

financial assistance under the Pell Grant program for low-income students. These figures provide a good measure of the institution's relative success in enrolling students from the bottom economic sector of the nation's families.

In the file attachment, on page 2, there are current figures for the nation's academically highest-rated universities ranked according to the highest percentage of students receiving Pell Grants. --

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education

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April 1, 2004

Dear National Hairston Clan, Incorporated Board Member:

Once again, I take pleasure in the announcement of the National Hairston Clan, Incorporated bi-annual Board of Directors Meeting. The meeting will be held:

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2004
WHERE: THE OMNI CNN CENTER HOTEL
100 CNN CENTER,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
(404) 659 - 0000
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

The hotel has requested all board members to reserve their hotel accommodations at least 30 days prior to arrival in order to offer the National Hairston Clan, Incorporated discount group rate.

The meetings' agenda will be distributed during the board meeting.

Your board member contribution of \$25.00 along with your valuable input will ensure a very exciting and successful Board of Directors Meeting. Therefore, I look forward to your presence.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hairston
Chairman of the Board

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January 17, 2004

Greetings Hairston Family:

My name is Bernard J. Hairston. I am the President of The National Hairston Clan, Inc. You may think that this is more "JUNK MAIL." I assure you, this is the most important mail I have ever written. I am writing to my friends, my neighbors, and my cousins. I am addressing you in this manner. I want you to know you are a part of the Hairston Family. We started a Hi-Tech Recruiting Program in August of 2003. We used our computer to recruit. This is how we were able to find about 3,300 Hairston names, addresses, and phone numbers.

This letter will consist of four objectives. There is so much information we want to make available to you, we will not be able to put it in writing. That is why we went to computers:

- (1) The Hairston Clan started in 1973. The real beginning goes back before 1695 in Scotland.
- (2) This world has drastically changed. It has become so small due to the mode of communication, speed, travel and time. A person's I.Q. has become higher due to the progress made in education. Life seems to be getting shorter even though the life expectancy of man is that he lives longer. So we need each other.
- (3) In the past, our organization published a quarterly Newsletter. We would mail the Newsletter to each of our Registered Family Members. The cost of the Newsletter outgrew our budget. From now on, we will publish our newsletter on the website.
- (4) We are asking all Family Members, Registered and Non-registered, to obtain all information pertaining to The National Hairston Clan, Inc. from the website (www.NationalHairstonClan.Com). We are sure the website will be beneficial and helpful to all our Family and Friends.

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January 17, 2004

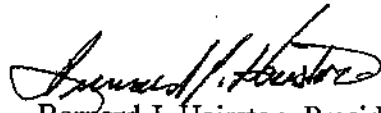
Again, I welcome all Non-Registered Members to come join The National Hairston Clan and become a Registered Member. It will bring joy to your heart to know you belong to the largest, The Greatest Family in the world. A Family that was started by your forefathers. We are looking for new ways and ideas to help us move forward and be the Family God is calling for. This letter also applies to all persons who have the Family name "Hairston" and do not belong to the Hairston Family Reunion. So come along and get on board with us. I work for each member. I can be reached at: 2530 Hickory Fork Road; Walnut Cove, NC 27052. Phone No. (336) 548-2417. E-Mail: BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net. Please contact me if you do not have access to a computer so I can share information regarding your membership in The National Hairston Clan, Inc.

Not only do we work hard during the year, we as a Family have a certain time to come together to enjoy one another. We meet and share our love, have entertainment and a joyous time. We will celebrate our National Hairston Clan Reunion this year, 2004, in Atlanta, Georgia; so y'all come on and join us so you can be a part of this Great Reunion and this Great Family.

I am waiting to hear from you.
I am waiting to serve you.

Sincerely,

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC.



Bernard J. Hairston, President

BJH:mem

From: <BQPROD@aol.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net> Newsletter
Sent: Saturday, March 06, 2004 2:31 PM
Subject: Rawn Hairston-Atlanta

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My name is Rawn Hairston and I am a member of the North Carolina Hairston family. I currently live in Atlanta, Georgia with my wife Sheila and daughters Maya and Angelica. I own a videotape production company. We are interested in receiving information about the Hairston Clan Reunion to be held in Atlanta.

My 11-year-old daughter Angelica is a singer/violinist and I welcome you to visit her website at www.angelicahairston.com. Please contact her if you need entertainment for your Atlanta event. Her email address is angelicahairston@aol.com.

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From: Peter Hairston <Peter@ph-partners.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 11:28 AM
Subject: Hairston Clan

Hello Bernard,

I want to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of Jan. 17. The website looks good. I notice the photo of Cooleemee on the home page...nice touch!

Please keep me informed about Hairston family activities. There is power for good in any network and ours is a large and special one by any standard. My personal email address is peter@phairston.com.

Kind regards,

Peter Hairston, Jr.
President and Managing Member
New World Angels, Inc.
Tel: 305-740-2922
Fax: 305-740-6389
phairston@newworldangels.com
<http://www.newworldangels.com>

From: Barbara Hairston <bhairston@fbns.net>
To: Bernard Hairston <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 8:14 PM
Subject: Hairston Family

I was not able to get on the Web site.
We are interested in getting more info on the reunion in Atlanta, 2004.

Bob and Barbara Hairston
bhairston@fbns.net

From: Gladys Hairston <ghairston2003@yahoo.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 3:48 PM
Subject: Making a Hairston Connection

Newsletter

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Dear Bernard, My name is Gladys C. Hairston and I originate from Martinsville, Virginia. I began to trace the family tree several years ago and that's when I discovered Peter Hairston and our origins from Scotland. My son and I both have wanted to get in touch with the Hairston Clan and maybe make it to a family reunion. I would like more information about the family as an organization and the newsletter. By the way, what is the difference between a registered and non-registered member. I noticed my brother from St.Louis is a non-member. Please e-mail me when you can. Thanks alot and it's good to be in touch. A Family Member, Gladys.

From: Kamioka Hairston <kamioka_hairston@hotmail.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 7:31 PM

Hello Bernard!

I received your letter in the mail regarding the Hairston Clan. I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you because I've been hearing about this organization for some time, but have never been actively involved in it nor knew a member. I attempted to visit the websites, but I kept receiving an error message stating that the owner of the site had exceeded his band width. Once the site is up and running, could you please notify me. I am very much interested in knowing more about my family.

I was born in Danville, VA; raised in Eden, NC and currently reside Rochester, NY. I've met a few Hairstons here who have been interested in learning more about the Hairston family, so please keep me on your distribution list. I look forward to learning more about my family.

Regards,

Kamioka

From: Ben Hairston <williamhairston@charter.net>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2004 10:26 PM
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Subject: MSN Search BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net. -- More Useful Everyday

Please send time and dates for Hairston Reuion. Is there a Web Site? W. H. Hairston Jr. & Family of Athens Ga.

From: Joseph Dad <getonmylevel1@hotmail.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 8:52 PM
Subject: Hello

Hey, how are. My name is John Hairston, I live in North Myrtle Beach, SC. I'm 14, turning 15 in March. My dad brought in this paper that had your email on it, along with the Hairston Clan website on it. I think its a good idea what your doing, and I agree that this family should be more...well "family oriented". I hope to hear from you at some point, and my apologies if i take a while to respond, I'm a little forgetful, and will go periods without checking my mail. Talk to you soon. Peace out. John.

From: <Thomasandolivia@aol.com>
To: <bjdotus@netpath-rc.net>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 8:13 AM
Subject: National Hairston Clan

My name is Thomas E. Hairston, and live in Baltimore, MD. I tried to get some information about the clan by using the e-mails that were in the letter that I received this week but was not successful. Please e-mail me at thomasandolivia@aol.com THANK YOU

From: Hairston, Deanna L <Deanna.Hairston@baltimorecity.gov>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 1:55 PM
Subject: RE: Reply to your ltr dated 01/17/04...

Hello there,

My name is Deanna Hairston. I reside in Baltimore, Maryland. I received your National Hairston Clan, Inc. Letterhead which explained briefly the importance of our opportunity to notify you. If you have received this note, please feel free to send your reply. I await hearing from you. If this email address is for direct contact to Bernard Hairston, please reply at your earliest convenience.

From: arneita hairston <arneitahairston@yahoo.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2004 1:09 PM
Subject: Reference to your letter regarding the Hairston family.

Could you please provide me with more information regarding Hairston family I'm very interested in knowing more about my background.
Please respond to message at your earliest convenience.

From: <msvicki220@aol.com>
To: <BJDotus@Netpath-RC.Net> Newsletter
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 3:49 PM
Subject: (no subject)

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Hello, my name is Vicki Hairston-McCormick, My mother Lillie Hairston recieved a letter today regarding the Hairston Clan membership. I have tried to access the web sites but they have exceeded their limits. We would like to know more about the Hairston Clan.

Thank You,
Vicki McCormick

From: Laverne Hairston <dolomite400@yahoo.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 4:34 PM

Hello my name is Laverne Hairston,
I just recieved a letter from you and I am not quite sure if this is a joke or not. I have logged on to your website but, I cannot obtain any information. Can you possibly help me believe that there is a strong possibility that I have more family than what I thought I did. My email address is Dolomite400@yahoo.com

Thank you

P.S. I would really like to have more information on the Hairston clan and what it represents.

From: <RUSS838M@aol.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-rc.Net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 9:26 PM
Subject: hairston reunion letter

dear bernard,
my name is russell hairston from columbus, ohio, i tried to access the web site and i did not have any luck, i would like to have the phone number of the person in columbus that is the contact, you have my e mail address, my phone is 253 1205 i am home all day have someone to call me
thanks
russell hairston

From: james hairston <fdhjwh2001@yahoo.com>
To: <BJDotus@NetPath-RC.Net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 6:26 PM
Subject: Hairston clan information

Mr. Hairston:

We received your letter and were really interested in finding out more about family

From: BERNARD HAIRSTON <bernard_hairston@yahoo.com>
To: <bjdotus@netpath-rc.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 1:30 PM

Hi,

My name is Bernard Hairston, I received you mailing a few days ago. My father is from Martinsville, VA. I grew up in Wilmington, NC. I currently live in Atlanta, GA. I was wondering how do I become a member? When is the reunion?

From: Alex Hairston <alexhairston@yahoo.com>
To: <bjdotus@netpath-rc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 9:04 AM
Subject: Hairston Family

Newsletter

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Hi Bernard,

How are you? I recently received your letter and wanted to take a minute and introduce myself. Here's a link to my website: www.alexhairston.com

Please spread the word!

I look forward to meeting you in Atlanta. Keep up the good work.

Best regards,

Alex

From: <SHair42533@aol.com>
To: <BJDotus@netpath-RC.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 6:05 PM
Subject: hairston family

Hello my name is Samuel Hairston and you spoke to my father Delano hairston this past week he now lives in Century, Florida and I live in Atlanta, I have been trying to link our family history for the past ten years and by god I think I got a link, I am a third generation SAMUEL HAIRSTON AND MY FATHER WAS BORN IN BLUEFIELD W.V. AND HIS FATHER WAS BORN IN MARTINSVILLE VA. I have visited bluefield and tried to gain some historical info but was unsuccessful. my fathers generation moved to boston Massachussets in the 50's and they lost contact and we have been having Hairston/Wilson reunions for 16 years in Virginia Beach, Boston and once in Atlanta, I would like to recieve as much info as I can if it is available.

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From: Gladys Hairston <ghairston2003@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Friday, March 12, 2004 3:27 PM
Subject: Re: REUNION

Dear Bernard, Thanks for responding to my e-mail. I could not download the Jan. 2004 Newsletter. Could you send me a copy by mail? My address is 1628 University Avenue Apt. 1E. Bronx, New York 10453. Also, I would like to know the difference between a registered and non registered member. Thanks, Bernard. May God bless, Gladys.

From: othneil.hairston <trainman27405@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Friday, March 12, 2004 6:57 PM
Subject: the national hairston clan, Inc.

to whom it may concern: this is in reference to your newsletter i received a few weeks ago. i would more information on becoming a registered member. my address is: othneil hairston, 1903 woodside drive, greensboro, nc, 27405. my e-mail address is hairstonstmp@aol.com