

THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC.

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FROM: Bernard Hairston, The National
Hairston Clan President

To my cousins and friends of the National Hairston Clan. We are living in difficult times. We look around, we see darkness and very little light all over our land and country. It seems that the wrong way of life is taking over our world. However, we must find the courage to take a stand for the right principles and convictions. The decisions we make always have serious consequences. We are facing difficult times in my state. Unemployment is high; many people can't find work. Many of our factories have closed down. Our state is short on funds. People are in need. They are looking for help. There is none to be found. Our neighbors and friends have sons and daughters returning from war. Unfortunately, some will not return. We have family members who are determined to go their own way. This causes much heartache. I ask myself, what is going on in this world today? We must turn to the one who has Greater Power. The one who has the answer to this troubled world. I am talking about **Jesus Christ**. He is the **ANSWER** for the world today.

I would like to challenge each of you to take your Bibles, turn to the Gospel of John. Please read it over and over until you find **Peace** and **Freedom**. Pray that Jesus will show Himself to you. If you need help, call me. I am willing to be a **Partner**.

Please read and enjoy the following story--
CHOICES AND CHANGES.

Thank you for your attention and time.

One day an Archaeologist went about 150 miles into the desert to study a formation of rocks. He finished his work in three days. He began his trip back home. He went to his vehicle to start the engine. It would not crank. He had carried only enough water and food for one day. The Archaeologist decided to hike his way out of the desert. He grabbed the canteen, which had very little water. He started on his journey out of the desert. He walked for a day in 115 degrees heat. He used the little water he had. The first day went okay with no food and no water. The second day took its toll on the Archaeologist. He became confused and lost his way. He wandered around in the desert four more days in a delirious state of mind. He continued to stumble around two more days trying to find his way home. Finally, he stumbled and fell over an object. By this time his eyes were swollen. He had to use his fingers to hold his eyes open. He finally figured out that he had fallen over an iron rod. He also noticed a piece of canvas laying near by. He began to rub his eyes to bring a cleared vision. He raised the canvas; there was a jar of water and a water pump nearby. He thought his mind was playing tricks on him. He was very thirsty. He reached for water. There was a note in the canvas bag tied to the jar of water. The

note said, "Read this note before drinking this water. Life or death. You have just enough water in this jar to prime this water pump. If you do this, you will get all the water you need. After you use the pump to get all the water you need or want, please refill the jar with water. Place it back where you found it. Leave it for some other person who will be in need of water." The Archaeologist had to make a choice. He knew it was very important for him to make the right choice. He was very, very thirsty. He put the jar of water to his parched lips several times. He knew if he drank the water he would need more water in a short time. He also knew if this jar of water could make the pump work, he would have all the water he needed. Several thoughts came into his mind. Is this some kind of joke? What if the water in the jar would not be enough to prime the pump to make it produce more water? He kept asking himself, "What shall I do? What shall I do?"

After many thoughts and questions, he decided to use the water to prime the pump. He put in one half of the water. He began to work the pump handle up and down. All he could hear was squeaking and more squeaking. He was very disappointed. Then, he put the last half of the water in the pump, and worked the pump handle up and down again. The water began to flow. The Archaeologist was so-o-o happy. He drank all the water he could hold. He took four baths, then he filled the water jar and replaced it where he found it.

The search plane passed over the desert looking for him. They saw this large wet spot; then they saw this Archaeologist waving his arms over his head, saying, "Here I am."

The Archaeologist was a live, happy man. He made a hard choice when he used the water to prime the pump instead of drinking it. His decision lead to life for himself and others. He primed the pump. I'm sure you know by now (the pump is the mind).

I challenge you to ask yourself these questions: Am I willing to prime my pump to help me and others? Am I growing, gaining ground or doing nothing, loosing ground. There is no middle ground. What we put in our minds is what will come out.

I challenge you to take inventory of ourselves and see what we are priming our pumps with. Is it for **Life or Death**? Priming our pump right will develop in us the following: (1) Thoughts will produce attitudes. (2) Attitudes will produce actions. (3) Actions become habits. (4) Habits become lifestyles. (5) Lifestyles determine destiny.

God's blessing to all of you, my Hairston Clan Family. Thanks for your love and help.

Bernard J. Hairston

This Newsletter will include information from the minutes of our Annual Board Meeting. It was held May 31, 2003, in Richmond, Virginia. (See Attachment A-1 through A-3.)

I would like to thank the Richmond Representatives for hosting this meeting. It was good to see my cousins again. We had a good and informative meeting. I was ecstatic to hear about your interest to establish a Chapter in Richmond. If any of you are interested in helping establish this Chapter, contact William M. Hairston; 507 Winnetka Avenue; Richmond, VA 23227. Phone No. (804) 262-5126.

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO DO NOT BELONG TO A CHAPTER

You can send me your complete General Information Purpose Form. (See Attachment No. 1 that was included in January 2003 Newsletter.) I will assure you that your information goes to the right committee. **When you pay your fees, please send money order or check payable to : *The National Hairston Clan, Inc.*** This is the last Newsletter I will mail to you before our 30th Annual National Hairston Clan Reunion in August. We are very, very happy and excited at my household about the Reunion. We are waiting anxiously for our Reunion date. So, please let us not disappoint our Kansas City, Missouri Host Chapter. Let's turn out in "**Big**" numbers. We continuously thank each of them for their hospitality and all their hard work as they plan to make our

Reunion a time of enjoyment, love and sharing.

As we remember our slogan "**Kansas City here we come,**" let us all come together in harmony and peace to celebrate what God established a long time ago--**The Family**. My prayers go out to each of you. My peace I always share with you. My love spreads through and through. May God continue to bless all of you. I pray God will bless each Family gathered and bless all Families everywhere. Help us love one another and reach out in love to others in Jesus name. Amen. How good and pleasant it is when Brothers live together in unity. Psalm 133:1.

FROM THE DESK OF Mary E. Morehead, Executive Vice President to the National President -- Greetings again to all of you. Hope you have been keeping your head above water. Especially, if you have had as much rain as we have had this past Spring. After the drought the last few years, I am not complaining. God knows best.

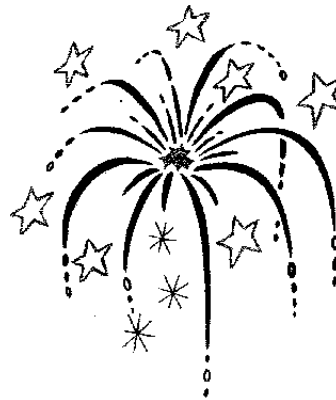
Question Concerning Newsletter--Can the left margin of the Newsletters be moved over so holes can be punched in them to be placed in a notebook? **Answer:** Not with the computer program we are now using. First, it would change the format of the columns. One would be smaller than the other. Second, some of the attachments that are added to the Newsletters come from other sources and we have no control over their margins, such as the documents that were included in the last Newsletter. Third, it would increase the number of pages and probably the cost of postage. We recommend the use of "**Sheet Protectors**", which we use for our Newsletters and other documents that we file in notebooks.

Problems Concerning Hotel Reservations for Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri--It was brought to our attention that some members had problems making reservations at the hotel for the room price that was agreed upon, which is \$85.00. Please refer to the attached E-Mail from Mrs. Cheryl Hairston

Johnson (Attachment B-1 through B-2). Call Cheryl, as she has indicated, if you have problems after following the instructions in her attached E-Mail.

We appreciate your questions, suggestions, and concerns. Please let us know of your concerns and recommendations. This is your organization and we are working toward the growth and the betterment of this organization.

73rd Annual Stokes County Hairston Family Reunion--On Sunday, August 17, 2003, the **Original Hairston Family Chapter** will be celebrating their 73rd Reunion. This is where it all began. We are inviting you to come and join us at Rock Hill Baptist Church in Belews Creek, N. C. at 1:30 p.m. There will be a short program followed by an enjoyable fellowship and family lunch. Come join us!!!



Happy 4th of July



ATTACHMENT A-1

**THE NATIONAL HAIRSTON CLAN, INC.
BI-ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

May 31, 2003

The Board of Directors met on May 31, 2003, at The Marriott Richmond, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Mr. Robert L. Hairston.

Prayer by Mr. John Will Hairston.

Mr. Robert Hairston explained about the mix up on the dates for the meeting.

We were welcomed by one of the representatives of the Richmond Chapter, as well as Mr. William Hairston of Richmond, Virginia, who touched on starting a Chapter in the Richmond area.

Treasury Report by Mr. Cecil Hairston

Scholarship Fund - \$6,362.47

Regular Treasure - \$1,131.66

With the statement of an addition of two checks.

Mrs. Cheryl H. Johnson: Report on Kansas City Reunion

Changes in time for the Board of Directors meeting (10:30), also the Gospel Program and one other change. There will be a correction made to the agenda and mailed out. The Website for the Hotel Reservations will also be included.

Tax Exempt:

Food and beverages, not sure about mix drinks or other alcohol beverages.

Field Trips, vendors for cookout items and catering items: Cheryl has agreements from all contacted to donate these items, as well as a donation from one grocery store.

The Banquet Speaker has been confirmed.

Ribbon Cutting guest has been confirmed.

Memorial Speaker has been confirmed.

Attachment A-2**Questions:**

Room guarantee? 135

Tornado Damage? None at the Hotel or surrounding area for the Reunion.

Hospitality Suite? There will or should be food and drinks at all times in this room.

Cookout? Live Radio Broadcast -- Cheryl wanted to know if a member of The National Clan would be willing to speak on the History of the Clan as a way of advertisement for the Blood Drive. Mr. Beverly Milner was suggested to do this.

Banquet Ticket Price? Quoted at \$40.00 for Adults. Children: ?

Distance from Airport to Hotel? About thirty miles. When you make your reservations for your Hotel Room, you can ask for Shuttle Service to be set up.

Casinos? There are four in the area.

Amusement Park? Transportation for this is being looked into, but not confirmed as of this meeting. Tours for the kids are set up at the Hall Mark; also, there are other sites and activities for kids, as well as adults.

Parking at the Hotel? There is a fee of \$9.00 per day for each automobile.

Scholarship Report by Mr. Harold Gorrell

Mr. Gorrell sent out a school certification to all students with a data sheet, which is to be returned to him. The names of students who received the scholarships were named from last year (2002). Mr. Gorrell also gave us the phone numbers again to reach him with any questions on the Scholarships. A Guidelines and Procedures Information List was passed out to members present. After students have completed all information on the application and returned them to Mr. Gorrell, he and his staff will check to see that all information is correct and students will be selected by them and a representative from each Chapter of The National Hairston Clan.

Charter Membership by Mr. John Will Hairston

Forty-eight people or members will receive a certificate, which will cost around \$80.00. This is to recognize members of the Original Chapter.

Mr. Bernard Hairston

Stated his facts on how important it is for communication between the organization. Each member receiving all information and returning all information back to the Chapter Presidents. This ensures each person involved to make sure all things are in order. Please read your Newsletters. It contains all information in it about everything happening in the Clan.

Website: Please contact Mr. Marcus Hairston.

Attachment A-3

Mr. Bernard Hairston made a plea to all Chapters to return their General Information Sheet. When it is time for the Board Meeting, the numbers for Banquet Tickets, T-Shirts, Cookout Vouchers, etc. will be mostly accounted for and each unit will know what and how many items they will need.

Question - Newsletter

Mr. Beverly Milner asked if the left margin could be moved over to make a three-punch hole, so it could be put into a notebook?

Question from Mr. Bernard Hairston to Mr. Joe Henry Hairston.

Was there ever a Charter to start the Hairston Clan?

Mr. Bernard Hairston also gave information on the Hairston Cemetery and plans to ask Pine Hall Brick Company for help.

Mr. Joe Henry Hairston asked for two names from the president and also information from any member that does not want to be on the Board or considered for any office position.

Souvenir Booklet by Mrs. Elnora Hairston

Gave information on making a form to carry to businesses and others to acquire ads for the Souvenir Booklet.

Mr. Robert Hairston - Selecting a date for the Board Meeting.

Complaints on having the meeting on Memorial Day Weekend. Please bring this information or mail it to him. The selected date will be announced at the Kansas City Reunion Board Meeting.

Ms. Sylvia Goff, a representative from the Washington, D.C. Chapter, introduced herself and stated that the Board Members did not attend this meeting because of a prior event in their Chapter.

Send Money

A motion was made by Mr. John Will Hairston and seconded by Mr. Joe Henry Hairston to cut a check for the Kansas City Chapter to be given to the Hotel by Mrs. Cheryl H. Johnson.

Comments

From the Board Chairman, the President, and the Treasurer.

Making room reservations at the Hotel for the organization to get the credit.

Make your reservations before the deadline.

Total money collected today was \$950.00.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Deacon Bobby Bell of the Lexington Chapter at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Mrs. Charlotte M. Hairston
Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENT B-1

Subj: **Greetings From Kansas City**
Date: 6/17/03 7:54:20 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: chair1957@hotmail.com
To: bjdotus1234@aol.com, VenusMW@aol.com, vdhairston@aol.com, Royal906@aol.com,
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Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello all of my cousin's. I hope that by now most of you have made the decision to head for Kansas City. We are certainly preparing for a well remembered Family Reunion. Several person's have had questions about the Hotel booking, it seems that our cousin's are being told by the hotel that they will have to pay a price of \$112.00 instead of the agreeded \$85.00 Hairston rate. Please do not be discouraged by this information that you are receiving. Contact has been made with Melissa Huneke and Sharon Richards (the planners) and we have been assured that the \$85.00 rate is correct, however, should you attempt to make the reservation and you are told that you rate is a price other than the guaranteed \$85.00 rate, I would suggest that you contact Melissa or Sharon directly at the Hotel (816-391-4409) if you for some reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your conversation please feel free to contact Cheryl Hairston Johnson at (913-287-7874) and arrangements will be made to resolve the issue.

For any others who would like to make their reservation online please follow the instructions below:

Enter the address:

www.starwood.com/westin/meetings/attend_enter_code.html

Enter Kansas City as the city, Missouri as the state and **6964** as the meeting code

Choose the **Select** tab next to **The Westin Crown Center**

Enter the requested reservation dates and guest room type;
select the **Continue** tab

Select the **Reserve** tab next to the preferred guest room type.
The group rate should be displayed

Complete requested personal information and select the
Continue tab

Review the personal information; if correct, select the
Complete this Reservation tab

You will receive your confirmation number at this time.

THE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JULY 31, 2003.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS !!!!! ☺

Add photos to your e-mail with [MSN 8](#). Get 2 months FREE*.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MRS.
CHERYL H. JOHNSON AFTER THE ABOVE E-MAIL:**

**In making your Hotel Reservations, ask for Ms. Shonpte Davis. She is in
charge of Registration. The phone number is (816) 391-4437.**

**Information on the tour of the Negro Baseball League Hall of Fame and Jazz
Museum -- There will be a charge of \$5.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children.**