

Family Newsletter

May 2010

Words from the 2011 hosts:

The **2011 Family Reunion** will be held in Philadelphia or South Jersey and hosted by the Knighton Family.

We have decided on a location and are gathering more information for the family. The date of the reunion is going to be August 12-14, 2011. We are planning this reunion to be very memorable. We are working on our fundraiser as we speak. The hotel is pretty well set. We have to meet with them to discuss our menu for dinner on that Saturday night. We have a surprise for the family for Sunday. Although we are trying very hard to keep the cost to a minimal it has been brought to our attention that in order to make this successful we are going to ask the family to raise their family reunion cost from \$55.00 (adult) to \$65.00 and the children from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for those that are age 6 and above.

This Family Reunion is not only MY Family Reunion more importantly it's YOUR Family Reunion as well. If anyone has any suggestions of any activities that they would like to do, please forward your suggestions to me ([Pamela Saunders](mailto:Pamela.Saunders)) at: labrada261@yahoo.com. As I receive additional information I will forward it to you.

Family Milestones and Notices

Last February this **Urgent Notice** was emailed to family:



Lenora Brooks-Moore writes: I am writing because my Aunt **Mattie Pinamang** was involved in a really bad accident Wednesday, she has had two surgeries and will be having another one tomorrow. One hip is broke and the other is fractured, she also has a

broken ankle, hand and leg. It is a traumatic situation; however, were all holding up well. I was

hoping that you can let the rest of the family know. We are asking for your prayers.

Update – I (Butch) talked to Mattie's sister, Juanita Wright, who informed me that Mattie is doing much better. Her fractures and broken bones are mending. Recently Mattie was moved from the hospital to a rehab center where she will be for about a month. I am told that her spirits are high. Please continue to keep Mattie in your prayers.

You may contact or send cards or letters to Mattie at:

Mattie Pinamang

C/o Highland Pines Rehabilitation Center
1111 S. Highland Ave. Room 115; Bed 1
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 446-0581

- **Leslie Giles Crenshaw** passed away on January 4, 2010. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Vera, children, Iris Crenshaw, Jacqueline Crenshaw Dowling (Darrell), Mary White, Nelson Proctor (Melissa) and Frank White, one sister Jean Neal, one brother, Lewis Crenshaw and host of other relatives and friends. See his obituary under *Notices* on the family webpage.
- **Henry Patterson**, son of Henry and Rhoda Patterson and grandson of Molly and Henry Peterson, died Monday, April 26, 2010 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 97. See *Notices* on the family webpage for additional information.
- **Pamela Saunders** - I would like to inform the family that **I** am graduating on May 22, 2010 from Camden County College. I will be obtaining a **DUAL** Associate in Business Management and Finance. To the family "You are never to OLD to achieve your GOAL."
- **John Baxter** - Hello Cousins! I am proud to announce that I have two Graduates.
 - My Daughter **Adalena Baxter** will be Graduating from Chaney University May 8 2010 with Honors Cum-Laude and also Chi-Chi with a BA in

Physiology and also has an internship with Community Counsel of PA as a Behavior Health Consoler

- Also announcing my Daughter **Valissa Baxter** will be graduating From High school 6/18/2010 and will be attending the Arts Institute of Philadelphia with studies in Marketing journalism
- **Eric Knighton**
 - I will enter the Degree Program at Albany Tech. For Law Enforcement Technology. Summer Quarter 2010.
 - On October 22, 2009, I was chosen to become a Coach and Volunteer for the Albany / ARC Special Olympic and working with Special people.
- On March 6th **Rosa Mae James** celebrated her 80th birthday. Her family threw a birthday party for her and her sister, **Dorothy Peoples**, who turned 82 on February 27th.



- **Homer Duke** - You can see me in Tyler Perry's new film "Why Did I Get Married Too" I'm in the last scene with Janet Jackson and Malik Yoba. I don't have a speaking role, but you can see me in the office as an "Extra". Not bad for a Psychology Professor that acts part-time.

To submit information for the *Milestone and Notices* section of the Newsletter, send your email address to Butch so that you may be notified in advance of upcoming newsletters.

Family Web page: If you have access to a computer and the internet, visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from the 2009 and other past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. **If you have information that you would like presented on the webpage then contact Noriega ("Butch").**

Send Butch copies of family obituaries (recent or past), graduations, marriages, births and other announcements that may be posted on the webpage for all the family to see.

Names and Addresses or Email Addresses: The continuing success of our family reunions is dependent upon our being able to contact as many family members as possible. If you know of family members **not** receiving the family newsletters then send their addresses and or email addresses to Butch.

Family History: I encourage you to help document our families by providing me with as much family history as you know. **You** must provide the information! Please contact me.

Urgent Notification System: Contact Butch by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. Butch will send out the information via email to those family members for whom he has email addresses. Those who receive the information by email should then pass the urgent news on to other family members by phone and word of mouth. **This system does not substitute for how you currently pass on such urgent information but instead it adds to it.**

Our Family Tree Charts: Let us all work to correct, update, and expand the "official" family trees. You may check the family webpage to see if your family-specific tree information is included and is correct. If necessary, ask a young family member to review or print the relevant family tree(s) for you. Use it as an opportunity to get our young folks involved with our history. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then please do so. If your name does not appear on one of the many trees on the family webpage then please let me know.

Our webpage has been updated to include more personalized family trees. Take a look!

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