

WHAT A TIME...WHAT A TIME...

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Each and every reunion or family gathering is unique and special. This one will go down in time as being one of the best.; it was almost unbelievable. It is virtually impossible to recapture the pure joy that the family experienced at this Reunion. Over 110 participants gathered for the weekend of August 11-13, at the WHITE FAMILY REUNION—2006, in Houston, Texas. The Theme: "From These Roots: Connecting Our Branches." That is exactly what happened during this weekend; OUR FAMILY CONNECTED. This Reflection shared by **Amos and Doris White** of the Texas Committee pretty much expresses the sentiments of the family:

"The 2006 White Family reunion three-day activities was one that we will never forget. The banquet was entertaining and



full of family fun with good food. The reunion picnic was exciting and with a variety of events for all ages. The fellowship on Sunday with worship service and dining was the icing on the cake. Our hearts were blessed to be a part of the rewarding, exhilarating, and awesome family reunion events. We were excited to meet our family members that we didn't know. Thank you for choosing Houston, Texas for the 2006

White Family Reunion."

On Friday, as family members and other attendees arrived and gathered in the Hospitality Room, excitement filled the air. Family members greeted and made themselves acquainted with each other.

On Friday night attendees got dressed up for the sumptuous

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TEXAS FAMILY KNOWS HOW TO DO IT

At the invitation of Elias White at the 2004 Reunion in Louisiana, Texas was chosen as the Reunion site for the 2006 Reunion.

The Reunion in Texas would have been impossible without the commitment and cooperation of our Texas Committee.

The committee located a number

of potential sites, and after personally visiting and investigating each of them, recommended the ones we used. Each of the sites the committee recommended were excellent choices; the hotel, the ranch, and the church.

We are very grateful to the following members of the Texas Committee:

Amos White

Doris White

Elias White, Sr.

Hattie Beatrice White

Stella Leonard White

THANKS COMMITTEE

A BUS RIDE TO REMEMBER



Some of the young people who were on the bus

Steve Henderson, of Exquisite Transportation, and son of Addie Wallace, negotiated with the company that provided the brand new sleek 2006 top-of-the-line motor coach as shown on page one. This allowed for 48 very excited Reunion attendees to travel to our Houston, Texas Reunion in style.

Every detail for the trip had been pre-planned with precision by our Transportation Committee of Kelly Brown and Gertie White. It was another unique opportunity for family members to get to know each

other. The young people on the bus were exceptionally well mannered, helpful, and well-behaved. Fifteen year old Asia Hunt was our Tour Guide. Asia did a really great job of giving us information about several pleasant educational stops along the way. The group toured Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Ranch, and the Bluebird Ice Cream factory in Texas for a tour and free samples of their delicious ice cream. There were games, songs, movies, and meal stops

enjoyed by all.

We were also blessed with two very accommodating drivers for this journey. They were awesome.

On one occasion, after a request for a McDonald's breakfast, they drove 36 miles to find one, and then returned to our location. Their aim was to make our trip as enjoyable, as possible; and they did.

This was truly a pleasurable trip.

THANKS STEVE!!

PICNIC PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

We had our own private pavilion at the Ranch; good food;

non-stop soda pop, and loads of fun for all.

Some family members stop for a photo opportunity.



SPECIAL NOTE

Thanks to Mark Morris for capturing our reunion on film, and Malisse Jacobs and Mark for enabling us to view them on www.kinfolknews.net

YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE

A family meeting was held during the Picnic at the Ranch. When the question was asked about the location for the 2008 White Family Reunion, 18 family members voted to have a Family Reunion Cruise. Since that time there has been much discussion about that decision. It seems that some family members

feel that they can't afford to take themselves, their children, and/or grandchildren on a cruise. Some family members are just leery of cruises at this time. And some, even when they voted for the cruise, never planned to leave land. Sooooo....You have a chance to vote. What is your pleasure? Should we still— take the cruise? or have the

Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia (next choice), or Southern California, or Northern California??

Please complete the inquiry form on the back of the newsletter and return it., We need over 18 votes on one or the other before March 17, 2007.

GET YOUR PREFERENCE IN!!

WHAT A TIME...WHAT A TIME...continued

Banquet, great entertainment, and dancing. Thanks to **Sandra Oten-Jackson**, "Connecting Our Branches" was made a lot easier this year. Sandra not only provided up-to-date genealogy research folders, she also hung a giant family chart showing our connections. This is the first time we learned the name of Phillip White's slave owner, S. J. Frierson.

HATS OFF to **Jesse McGee**, Master of Ceremonies (who was drafted at the last minute). Jesse, the husband of Cynthia McGee (son-in-law of Charlotte Davis), very masterfully guided the evening's enjoyable program. Family members were absolutely mesmer-

ized with the vocal stylings of family members **Clarice Brown and Patricia Hodges**, as well as an Interpretive Dance by **Faith Parker**. **Doris White** read greetings from the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the USA; Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, as well as a Resolution from the Honorable Sylvester Turner of District 139 of the State of Texas, House of Representatives. A Fashion Show enabled both young and the "not so young" to "strut their stuff." A heart-rendering Power Point Presentation "From these Roots: Connecting our Branches," was shown by **Harriett White**.

Gertie White was presented a beautiful plaque from the family for her dedicated service.

The night ended with our young people on the dance floor showing the "not-so-young" how to "drop it like it's hot." Some of the "not so young" attempted to match them step for step.

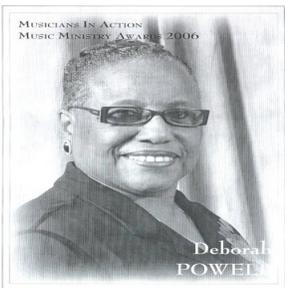
On Saturday, Picnickers boarded the bus and shuttles to HH Ranch for another memorable day with family.

Sunday morning started with the family worshipping together at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The Reunion culminated on Sunday afternoon with dinner at a Ryan's Restaurant .



Special Thanks to Sharon Kendrick and Cynthia McGee who coordinated the Fashion Show and helped out wherever needed; Mark Morris who became our unofficial photographer; Gilbert Givens, our unofficial driver; and to everyone who contributed to the success of an outstanding Family Reunion

DEBORAH POWELL HONORED



late Eddy Mae White, granddaughter of the late (Deacon) Phillip & Lillian White., with a Music Ministry Award at its celebration in November. Deborah was recognized and highly honored, along with other recipients, for laboring in music in local churches for over 40 plus years. Through the years she has served at many churches. She is not selfish with her gifts of music and has shared her talents on many occasions.

Congratulations Deborah!.

Recently, Musicians In Action, Inc., recognized and presented our own Deborah, Powell, the daughter of the

In Loving Memory
Dan L. (D.L.) Chapel
1923-2007
Shreveport, LA

Albert Pierre
1961-2007
Shreveport, LA

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Family,
This newsletter was created as a tool to keep the family informed and abreast of family reunion news. In order for this newsletter to keep going and being published as a quarterly correspondence, we need your input and support. Our family is full of many talented people. Please share your talent with us via

our newsletter. Some of you have oral history about the family that would be invaluable to the younger members of the family; please share it.

-Harriett D. White

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

CME COMEDY EXPLOSION
EDWONDA WHITE
Performing on
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Phillip's CME Church
971 E. 43rd St.
Los Angeles, CA 90011
TICKETS—
\$12.50 REGULAR—
\$10.00 SENIORS
\$25.00 AT DOOR
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“FROM THESE ROOTS: CONNECTING THE BRANCHES”- Reflection from a Family Member

The 2006 White Family Reunion was one I will not soon forget. This was the first White Family reunion that I attended. Although my husband, Cliff White, could not attend, I did not hesitate in bringing our son, Jordan. I feel it is important to meet as many family members as possible. The White family made us all feel so welcome. Even my mother-in-law, Mae, who was not in the best of health, enjoyed meeting everyone. The reunion was very organized and had activities to match everyone's interests. The picnic and worship services are two events that I really enjoyed. Jordan liked the banquet (dancing was fun) and playing in the water at the park. When we returned home and I showed the videos and pictures to Cliff, he realized what he had missed. He hopes he can come to the next reunion. I am looking forward to the next reunion and seeing everyone again in Southern California. I wish everyone good health and God's blessings.

-April Witherspoon White

INQUIRY FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY, STATE, ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

Do you want the 2008 White Family Reunion to be held go on a cruise? Yes___ **No**___
or

Do you want the Reunion to be held in: Atlanta, Georgia? Yes___ **No**___

Southern California? Yes___ **No**___

Northern California? Yes___ **No**___

Please return to above address , or e-mail, or FAX your answers to the numbers above before March 17, 2007.