

The Moore Family Newsletter

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2004 Reunion Cancelled

Because of storms and threat of storms in the Savannah area, the 2004 Moore Family Reunion was cancelled. Two Scholarships in the amount of \$250 each was awarded. Please remember to contribute to the 2005 Scholarship Fund.

The 2004 Newsletter was mailed along with the cancellation letter. If you received your letter by email, your newsletter was attached.

Error in Newsletter

Page 2 of the 2004 newsletter noted that "The 2002 fishing trophy was awarded to Nora Benbow" It should have read "2003 fishing trophy".

New Moore Website

Check out the website www.moorefamilyreunion.com. Thomas Williams, Jr. is the creator and editor. If you have any suggestions please send them to him at tewj@triad.rr.com.

The Moore Newsletter is compiled and edited by Gertrude Williams. The first newsletter was printed in September, 1984. The newsletter was not printed in 1985 because of lack of response from family members. Printing has not been suspended since 1985. Copies of previous newsletters are available on the family web page.

Santee Electric Employees First African American Branch Manager

Georgette Cash the daughter of Nora L. Benbow and the former George Benbow of Manning SC was appointed the first African American Branch Manager of Santee Electric Cooperative, Lake City SC Office. Georgette says "it is a pleasure to be employed by the Electric Cooperative that provide service to my home and to many of our family members. To God be the Glory for his continued blessings within my life." Georgette is a dedicated worker and takes her job seriously.

She has helped many family members "find their way" around Santee Electric . Thank you Georgette for all you do for us and congratulations on your promotion.

FAMILY MEMBERS START NEW BUSINESSES

Bob Williams Launches New Company

Bob Williams, "the golf man", launched his new company, "Golf Tournament Productions" in February, 2004. The company works primarily with non-profit organizations to help them raise money through the game of golf. Additionally, it does silent auctions and a host of other fund-raising events. The company is currently working with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Alumni Associations, Churches, Booster Clubs, Chambers, Professional Athletes, Foundations, etc. The geographical range covers the East Coast. To promote his company this year at the reunion, Bob will be giving away FREE Personalized 23" Black Leather Tote Bags. Just stop

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A PLEA TO MY FAMILY

An Open Letter from Shirley Pasley Woods

As a follow-up on my article concerning colon cancer in the September 2003 Newsletter, I would like to expound again on the importance of preventive healthcare, specifically on early detection of colon cancer—which can save your life! As I stated in the 2003 Newsletter, had I been obedient to my doctor and had gotten a colonoscopy earlier than I did, I would not have to endure all of the pain, suffering and surgical procedures. Just this year alone I have had four surgeries. The diagnosis was not favorable but my trust is in the Great Physician, who has promised us that He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Therefore I will stand on Christ, that solid rock, for I know that all other ground is sinking sand. My faith is strong, for I also know that God “will do exceeding, abundantly above all that we can ask or think”. (Ephesians 3:20). I give thanks to God for all of his blessing, for I have been and still is tremendously blessed.

I thank God for placing me in a loving and praying family for we know that “the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much”. (James 5:16) I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for all of the prayers, time, love gifts, encouragement and overall support that has been extended to me. A special thanks go to Gert and Tom Williams, who took me into their home after each major surgery and nursed me back to health. I will be eternally grateful. May God continue to bless you, Tom and Gert, for all you do for the entire family and anyone else that your are aware of that has a need—and even those that don't. (smile) You are definitely following the example of Jesus as stated in John 9:4—“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” When you start giving special thanks you will surely leave out someone but I must give special recognition to Stephanie Moore and Grace Covington who took a day out of the busy schedule when I needed it most to spend the day with me. They took me out shopping, pampered me and made me feel so special. Thanks to Leroy and Helen who always made sure that I was not lonesome—they visited often and to Peggy—who called often. Gloria, thumbs up for the snacks. Mae and Arthur visited every Monday—very special. Etoria and Frances, what can I say? You've been there for me. I can't leave Jeff, James & Wanda, Lorraine, Madeleine and Billie and my sister, Darcell, out. Thanks a bunch folks! Thanks also to James and Darnell who could not visit, but always called. Special thanks goes out to all—uncles and aunts, cousins, friends and my church family. My son and his family also visited from California. It was taxing, but it was great having them visit. Debbie, thank you for all you are now doing for me. If I have missed anyone, please charge it to my head and not my heart!

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The picture to the left is the Historic River Street in Savannah, Georgia

I ask for your continued prayer as I battle this awful disease. As a reminder not only for you to make an appointment with your doctor, but also in support of The Cancer Awareness Society, I, along with my family, would like you to have a cancer awareness bracelet. They will be available in the Hospitality Room when you register. Thanks to Monica Simms, a friend from Mr. Moriah Baptist Church, for her contribution to the purchase of the bracelets. Etoria Evans also contributed to the purchase.

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (II Corinthians 5:8). Grace and Peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Shirley

The Health Gazette

Karl Hempel, M.D.

Colon Cancer

Colon is the medical term for the large intestine. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, second only to lung cancer. In 2005, an estimated 104,950 new cases will be diagnosed,

and an estimated 56,290 patients will die of the disease. An individual has about a one in twenty lifetime risk of developing colon cancer. Only about three percent of colon cancers occur in persons under age forty. Ninety percent of colon cancers occur in patients over age fifty. In the United States, both incidence and mortality rates are declining. This decline may reflect better nutrition and possibly removal of polyps from the colon before they have had a chance to turn into cancer.

Risk Factors

Well-established risk factors for colon cancer are high dietary fat intake and heredity. Animal fat has the highest association with colon cancer. About 15 percent of all colon cancer patients have a family history of colon cancer in a first-degree relative. Low dietary fiber is also associated with a higher risk of colon cancer. Fiber seems to dilute the cancer-causing substances (carcinogens) in the stool and therefore the bowel wall has less exposure to the carcinogens. A sedentary lifestyle and obesity are both correlated with an increased risk of colon cancer. Interestingly, re-

moval of the gallbladder is associated with a small increase in colon cancer in females. Excessive alcohol intake has also been associated with an increased risk of colon cancer.

Reducing Your Risk

Dietary fat should constitute less than 30 percent of total caloric intake. Dietary fiber should exceed 20 grams each day. Your diet should be rich in vegetables and fruits. Alcohol consumption should be no more than two drinks per day for males and one drink a day for females. Exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of colon cancer by 50 percent. Taking an aspirin as few as three times a week has been shown to reduce the incidence of colon cancer by 30 percent. Increasing the amount of vitamin D and calcium in the diet may reduce your risk of developing colon cancer.

(The above article was taken from the web page www.tfn.net/HealthGazette/colon.html and was provided by Ansar and Monique Muhammad, Shirley's son and daughter-in-law)

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by and chat with him and get your certificate for your free bag. A schedule of available times will be posted on the Hospitality Room door.

The family salutes Bob on his venture and pray for success of his endeavor.

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RobWes Creations Advertising, Photography, Writing

Robert Wesley Williams VII launched his new company this summer.

RobWes Creations is designed to introduce vibrant ways to make any business stand above the opposition. Our approach in any of these categories will leave a great impression in the minds of many. Acquiring his edification from the University of Alabama in Communications and Informational Sciences, Robert Wesley Williams VII is dedicated to presenting the world with his creative mind. Obtaining knowledge through the University of Alabama Cable Television as a writer, director, and editor, as well as being part of an advanced filming class at the University, Robert has the zeal, creativity, and understanding of how to construct a dynamic commercial for any business. While at the University, Robert produced footages on the national renowned Dreamland's Barb-a-que and a comprehensive piece on the University's track and field team, both which aired on the University's Cable TV channel. He has also directed live shows such as *Tidal Wave*, *At the Capstone* and the *Weekly News*. In addition, two of his short films were selected to be in a small film festival at the University. With his director's eye, Robert creates a story within a picture by taking a different approach with his photography. He manipulates pictures to give it more of a raw feel to appeal to a vast amount of needs. The manipulation will give your home or business a creative feel that will stand on its own. Robert's writings completely put the reader into his world giving them such visual stimulation. His poetry is another way of feeding the soul by grabbing the hearts of people looking for inspiration through the magic of

words. Having completed his first movie script of a trilogy, Robert is eager to entertain the world through the theaters and television screen. Visit RobWes Creations at www.robwescreations.com.

BJ, as he is known by all, is the son of Bob Williams. Congrats BJ.

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Maureen Sanders Named to Who's Who

Maureen Sanders, daughter of Maria and Leroy Sanders and granddaughter of Roland and Minnie Moore has consistently made the honor roll from elementary school. She is now in her second year at North Carolina Central University and has not missed a step—still on the honor roll. She was honored at the 56th Annual Honors Convocation ceremony at the University on April 8, 2005. She has also made the National Dean's List for April 2005.

The family is very proud of Maureen's accomplishments.

Evans Family Adopted into Moore Family

Etoria Evans, a friend and former coworker of Shirley Woods, moved to Goose Creek SC in 2000. This fall, she return to California, sold her house, picked up daughter, LaVidia (Viddie) and grandson, Bertrand and moved them to Goose Creek—bye, bye California. They will not be able to attend the Family Reunion because Viddie is moving into her new home shortly and must get things together. You will get to meet them in Jacksonville next year. Viddie just completed her Masters Degree at the University of California at Berkeley with a 4.0 grade point average. She has an Administrative Degree with a MS in Educational Leadership. She was an administrator in the local school district before moving to Goose Creek.

On Page 7 is an essay written by Bertrand for his English Class. He received an "A". I thought is was appropriate since it deals with achievement in the black community. Hope you enjoy reading the essay by this 7th grader.

Welcome to the family!

DEATHS

Gardenia P. Pasley 1937-2004

Pat succumbed to pancreatic cancer on December 2, 2004. She was the earthly "rock" on which her family stood. She was loved and admired by all. She was soft-spoken, and loved her family very much. She was all about family and dedicated herself to those closest to her. She will be sorely missed.

Her family, especially husband Jeff, would like to thank all for the many cards, visits, gifts and all expressions of kindness shared with them during this trying time. The family became a pillar of strength for them when they were most needed. Thank you.

Carrie Estell Potts 1926-2005

Mrs. Carrie Estelle Pasley Potts, daughter of the late Jeff Pasley, Sr. and Florence Moore Pasley was born March 6, 1926 in Lane, SC. She departed this life on Tuesday, June 22, 2005 at Mariner Health of Sumter. The Words of Comfort was brought by Rev. Dr. Charles H. Davis.

The Potts family would like to thank family members and friends for all the love and support they received during their time of sorrow.

Estell had been a resident in the Mariner Health of Sumter for over five years. We will miss her very much.

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HOME AGAIN

Richard and Lorraine Jones (Lorraine is the daughter of the late Estell and Cornell Potts) have relocated to the Charlotte, North Carolina area after living in Libertyville, Illinois for seven years. They are grateful to be closer to home and family. They will be attending the Reunion this year.

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Children and the Bible

(Funny statements made by kids)

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says do one to others before they do one to you.

Local dancers earn awards during Competition



Kedrick Pasley
(Son of Frederick & Rita Pasley)

Just Dance!'s three competition teams participated in the DanceMakers convention and StarMakers competition held recently in Columbia, SC.

Many dance schools throughout the Southeast attended the convention, which included dance workshops in addition to the competition.

Just Dance! Entered 10 numbers into the competition and received nine first place awards and one second place award.

"Our dancers have worked very hard getting ready for this competition and receiving 10 top honors is a great reward," said Buffi Wade Mixon, director of Just Dance!

The competition teams will participate in many other competitions throughout the year, and are considering attending the DanceMakers Finals which will be held in Myrtle Beach in June.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Roland and Minnie Moore will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2005. The family will have a big celebration on September 10 in High Point, NC.

The Moore reunion family members are invited to attend. See Roland or Minnie for details. They will be at the reunion.

Congrats guys!



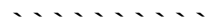
2004 Scholarship Recipients

Angelia Bowie — Oakland, California

Brian Kelly — Elk Grove, California

Both recipients are grandchildren of Mae and Arthur Williams of Charleston, SC.

A "Thank You" card was received from Angelia noting how much she appreciated the scholarship.



Ziya Lila Rampersad

Weight: **6 lbs 4 oz**
 Length: **18.5 in**
 Born: **03/21/2005**
 Time: **9:35 PM**
 Congratulations **Hanan & Austin!**

Austin is the son of Peggy Fludd of Atlanta GA.

Deja Culver Wins Scholarship

Deja Culver, daughter of Susan Culver and granddaughter of Jeff Pasley and the late Pat Pasley, represented Trinity Baptist Church in the Black River Missionary Baptist Association N. J. Brockman Scholarship competition. The contestants were challenged to write their speeches using the theme "The Rightside Up Church in an Upside-down World". Deja wrote a terrific speech, performed brilliantly and won first prize in her division. She will represent the Association in the State Baptist Convention in November. "Break a leg" Deja. We know you can do it. Your first asset is that you are a part of a "can do" family. We support you all the way.

Remember, whether you win or lose the competition, you are still a winner in our sight.

Deja's composition will be placed on the website in the future for those who are interested in reading it.

Devin Chosen "Youth of the Year"

Devin Culver was named male "Youth of the Year" at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Greeleyville. Devin is a dedicated servant. He assists wherever he can and is always in place when there is choir practice or other activities with which he is involved.

He has recently been selected to be a Junior Trustee and is doing a terrific job. He also works with the Hospitality Committee.

Continue the good work, Devin. The family is very proud of you.

Devin is the son of Susan Culver and grandson of Jeff Pasley and the late Pat Pasley.

Achievement in The Black Community By Bertrand Evans-Taylor

I was assigned to write an expository essay on history. Some people might not agree that I have written to the prompt but I get to differ. Black achievement has helped pave the way in American

history even when Blacks were held back they still achieved great things. Without determination this paper wouldn't be possible.

Even though African-Americans were slaves they achieved great things. During the time of slavery slaves were not taught to read or write, nor were they allowed to. But some key people learned anyway like Fredrick Douglass. After he taught himself to read and write he brought himself out of slavery. He was the Dr. King of his time. The point I'm getting at is even when you're being hunted, beat, and yelled at, if one has a good education one will have a chance to do good in life.

At the time of the civil rights movement Black people were deprived of their rights; they went to broken down schools and didn't have quality school buses. But they didn't give up; the black people made do with what black people had while other black people fought to get better schools. For example my grandmother went to segregated schools. My grandmother is so smart she skipped two grades. Later when she was 17 she graduated

from high school and went to college. Then she moved to California and received a job as a postal worker. Because of her ability to learn quickly she got the scheme of things at a rapid pace. Then she got married and had three kids. Later on her kids grew up and went to college and she retired. She is now 71 and I'm proud of my grandmother's independence.

Today is a completely different story where high achievement is considered 'white'. Therefore, some Black people don't achieve in school as much as they could because they don't want to be accused of acting white. In reaction the teachers lower their expectations for the students of color. Therefore fewer and fewer Black people are on the honor roll and more and more white people are on the honor roll. That is the sad sad truth.

My reaction to all of this is not shock but understanding. For example if you are placed in the back of the classroom; and the teacher doesn't call on you when you raise your hand, the student talks. Then the student gets sent out of the classroom and the student can't learn anything in the hallway. Another thing teachers sometimes don't tell you there will be a test the next day, then you don't study of course, then you get a F, which really kills your grade. Finally; when it's clear the student knows how to do the homework problem, but the student doesn't show their work and the student get marked down. Because of this series of events the student can end up with low grades and getting kicked off the honor roll.

I believe what is happening currently is partly the black peoples' fault. Although it was the white people who held us back it is us who decide to stay back. People stand around doing nothing when they could be studying for college entrance exams.

The late president of Morehouse College, Dr. Benjamin Mays once said: "It's not a disgrace to not reach for the stars but to not have any stars to reach for". Parents also need to help kids by eliminating the temptations that could derail them. They also need to give help by giving love and encouragement. Kids as well need to learn to set goals for themselves and school. Children should pick friends as smart and dedicated as they are.

If a child gets a solid education, they will have a good life ahead of them. Having mentors that aren't in the family play critical roles in a Child's life, like my Granny Neat. I've known her all my life and she has always encouraged me and is proud of me. She tells I'm a smart, bright young man. Black people must achieve more to be considered equal. I hope I will make history by becoming the first Black president.

Reference

Price, Hugh B. Achievement Matters: Getting your Child The Best Education Possible, Kensington NY 2002.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2005

PHYLICIA ADELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Moore Family Reunion
398 Carrols Road
Greeleyville, SC 29056
843-426-4365

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____

PRESENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE AT _____

WILL ENROLL IN COLLEGE ON _____

WILL ENROLL AT (Name of College) _____

I certify that the above information is correct:

Applicant's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Send completed applications to Gertrude Williams at above address.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must have graduated from high school the year prior to the family reunion and will be attending a four-year or two-year degree-granting institution or a technical school some time during the next school year. Please submit the application by September 30. **No applications will be accepted after that date.**