38th Annual Robinson Roots Family Reunion—Philadelphia

"It's a Family Affair"

The 38th Annual Robinson Roots Family Reunion was hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Robinson Roots Family Reunion at the Sheraton University City Hotel in the historic "City of Brotherly Love". It was indeed a family affair, splendid in it's organization, hospitality, service, and spectacular beauty.

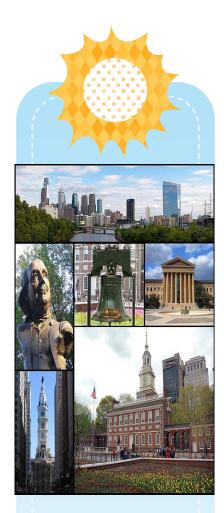
From the time we entered the modernized Sheraton hotel (dodging the local universities new students), we were met with friendly faces and hugs from the host committee greeters. Friday night allowed family members to dine out together at the numerous local restaurants and eateries. Additionally, many took advantage of the new Philadelphia casino, the American Festival activities, as well as late walks in the dreamy night air.

On Saturday, family members toured the historic aspects of old Philadelphia, Constitution and Independence Halls, the symbolic Liberty Bell, movie-featured museums, the area aquarium, the zoo, and the farmer's market. Saturday night featured our glamorous banquet which began with a melodious singing of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing", an encouraging prayer and a stirring speech by Philadelphia Chapter president, Suedell Cirwithen. One of the highlights of the evening was the introduction and debut of the Doretha Robinson Davis Scholarship Fund and the readings of winning scholarship papers (more on the Scholarship Fund to follow). The banquet ended with prizes awarded to early registrants, the deserving host planners and a special recognition of the oldest attendee.

What will a reunion be without a family dance!!! By popular demand, Robinson Roots' own Tyrone Davis and company provided the soul sounds to a packed floor of 'happy' family jammers. The music continued long into the night with a showcase of throwback dances, steps, and many versions of the electric slide. There were many sore feet the next day.

Sunday morning services were simply angelic. The beautiful music played by Paula Davis West set the stage for a warm welcoming of the spirit. One of the more touching memorial tributes was held as well as wonderful songs by the family choir. The morning message, urging us to "Stand Firm" on God's word and promise, was outstandingly delivered by newly ordained minister Dr. Tracy Becoat. The family was indeed blessed by the message and the service concluded with a sacred offering of Communion.

The Sunday Luncheon was held on the Spirit of Philadelphia, a cruise around Philadelphia while we enjoyed a sumptuous meal (including ribs in a box). Evidently, the feet were not hurting that much, for the dancing continued as the Robinson Roots family members put on a show on the ship.



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Births

Caliah Danielle Monea Scott was born to Ezekiel and Raedessa Chapman Scott on 4 February 014 in Charlotte, NC. Caliah is a descendant of the Frederick branch

BIRTHDAYS

Miriam Wallace— 9/2

Caroline Gonsalves—9/2

W. Charles Becoat -9/10

Attyya Guiles— 9/19

Marshall Becoat— 9/28

Doretha Robinson Davis Scholarship Fund

The Doretha Robinson Davis Scholarship Fund is in honor of our family reunion cofounder, Doretha Robinson Davis. Doretha was the CEO/President of the Robinson Roots Family Reunion for many years until her retirement in 2006 due to illness. She challenged the Robinson Roots to involve our young people to enrich our family reunion and to keep the legacy alive. As an educator and devoted church member, Doretha worked with many youth groups to inspire, motivate and encourage them to reach their perspective goals.

This year marked the first year for the awarding of scholarships to eligible family members from four (4) groups: 1) Grades 3-5, 2) Grades 6-8, 3) Grades 9-12, 4) College. In this inaugural year, four (4) essays were received from family members in two of the groups, Grades 6-9 and Grades 9-12. The \$100 scholarship winners were from Grade 6-8, Jeremy McCallum of Maryland and from Grade 9-12, Mikayla Davis from New York. The winners were featured at the banquet in which they read their winning essays. All the submitted essays were great and each of the participants received a prize.

GRADUATIONS

Aaysia Shaniya Royal was promoted to the 4th grade for the school year 2014-2015. She attends Westarea Elementary School in Fayetteville, NC. She is the granddaughter of Marilyn Becoat Royal and a descendant of Frederick and Zack branches.

Christopher Davis graduated from PS 14, Bronx, New York and will be entering the 6th grade. Christopher is a descendant of the Samson and Zachariah branches.

Mikayla Davis graduated with HONORS from junior high Urban Institute of Mathematics (UIM), Bronx, New York and will be a 9th grade student this school year. Mikayla is a descendant of the Samson and Zachariah branches.

Naijah Edwards is a high school graduate of Academy Park and is attending the Delaware County Community College of Nursing. She is a descent of Samson branch.

Thomas Simeon Woodson received a Ph. D. on 2 May 2014 from Georgia Tech and has been hired as an assistant professor at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, NY. Thomas is the son of Terrance and Harvetha Davis Woodson, grandson of Harvey and Doretha Robinson Davis, and descendant of the Samson branch.

RECENT MARRIAGE

Charles (Carlos) D. Robinson, Jr. was married to Stacy Lewis of Guyana, South America, on October 27, 2013 in Austin, TX. Carlos is the son of Charles and Barbara Robinson and a descendant of the Zachariah branch.

MARRIAGES OVER 50 YEARS

- Charles and Barbara Robinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary
- Thomas and Carrie Lee Robinson Bostick celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary
- Stephen (SB) and Naomi celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.
- Ervin and Ruth Ann Bostick Parker celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.
- Ira and Naomi Robinson Timmons celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.
- Lavern and Deliah Cusack Robinson celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

- Lonnie and Susan Becoat Davis celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.
- Bert and Wilma L. Robinson, Jr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary



"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's scheme." Ephesians 6:10-11.

FAMILY MEMBERS OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE

- Joseph Brown of Benjamin branch celebrated his 89th birthday.
- John W. Robinson of Samson branch celebrated his 86th birthday.
- Annise Becoat Winfield celebrated her 80th birthday.
- Rosezella Becoat Stallings celebrated her 83th birthday.
- Essie Mae Robinson Woodbury celebrated her 93rd birthday.
- Mary Lee Cain Wallace celebrated her 88th birthday
- Margaret Robinson Smith celebrated her 92nd birthday
- Sarah Janes Cusack Myers celebrated her 84th birthday.
- Lucille Robinson Jenkins celebrated her 9ofh birthday.

 Carrie Lee Robinson Bostick celebrated her 90th birthday.

On June 25, 2014, **Janether Myers** celebrated her 90th birthday. Janether's birthday was celebrated with family and friends on June 28, 2014 at St. Matthews FWB church hall. The gala was attended by over 100 people, including two of Janether's sisters, Ludell (Elijah) Murray from Windsor, CT, Judy (Rev. Willie) Young from Middletown, CT, brother in law James Weston from Middletown, CT. Janether Myers was born on June 25, 1924 to Estelle Gregg and Sam Robinson. Janether was raised by her mom and step-father, John Hugee.

BUSINESS

On June 1, 2013, Dr. Tracy Becoat opened her private practice doing individual, family, marriage, and adolescent counseling. As her practice continued to increase, God promoted her at her day job to Director of their Social Service Department. Dr. Becoat was ordained as a minister in her church in August 2014. Tracy is a daughter of Fred and Doris Becoat and a descendant of the Frederick branch.



TAKE TIME FOR 10 THINGS: To work, think, play, read, worship, help and enjoy friends, love, dream, laugh, and plan.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dorothy Robinson, daughter of Samuel Joseph Robinson and a descendent of Benjamin, has 2 sons, Vincent Lamont Mason and Anthony Vincent Mason. Vincent is a rap artist with the group DeLaSoul. Vincent (aka Maseo), Mase and Plug 3 celebrated 25 years with DeLaSoul this year with the group giving away online the collection of DeLaSoul music. Vincent has 4 children; he is the father of 2014 NFL draftee Tre Mason who attended Auburn University in Alabama and was 1 of 6 nominees for the 79th Annual Heisman Trophy. He signed a contract in June 2014 with the St. Louis RAMS as running back.

Vincent's other children are Marcus, Chauncey, and daughter Dayou with Chauncey and Dayou

still attending school . All are doing well and actively involved in sports. Marcus enjoys rap and singing. Vincent's wife is Tina Mason.

Dorothy's 2nd son Anthony Vincent Mason is a Fed Ex truck driver/delivery and also a High School Basketball coach. He has 3 children. His daughter Ebony Jazmine Mason graduated from Mount Pocono High School in the Poconos of Pennsylvania and is now attending Penn State University in Pennsylvania. Anthony has 2 sons. AJ who is Anthony Jr. and Nicholaus. Both sons are doing well in school and are involved with football and basketball. Anthony's wife is Patricia Mason. Dorothy's great grandchildren are Canaisa Marie Mason , Marcus Mason and Tre Mason.



<u>GIVE BACK</u>

Marilyn B Royal contributed and participated in the American Heart Association Fayetteville Community Heart Walk in October 2013. She received a letter of appreciation for her contribution and participation with her employer Cumberland County Department of Social Services. She is the daughter of the late Willie James & Percile Robinson Becoat.

She is the granddaughter of the late Zeb & Early Robinson & the late Henry & Novella Robinson Becoat. Her family root is the late Zachariah and Sophronia Robinson & the late Frederick Jr & Minnie Robinson.

Marilyn B Royal contributed and participated in a Community World Hunger Project sponsored by her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc in July 2014 in Charlotte, NC at the Sorority's Boule. Marilyn B Royal contributed to the sorority's educational initiative in collecting and donating school supplies for school children. In August, Marilyn B. Royal volunteered at a Community Dental Clinic in Fayetteville, NC along with some sorority sisters in support of their sorority's health initiative.

Youth Football:

Taj-Calvin, grandson of Calvin and Henrietta Becoat was appointed the starting quarterback for the Colonia Patriots freshmen football team.

Celebration:

The family of Virdell Robinson Sherrod gave her a surprise birthday party on August 2, 2014, the day before her 85th birthday.

She is a descendant of the Samson branch.



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