2019 BPTS/GWCH COMMUNITY REUNION



Broken, But Not Forgotten!!

Her Legacy Remains!!

10 Aug 2018

It is a pleasure and honor to be part of a great legacy created by one the most caring and nurturing communities in the world. Our generational tree is rich in culture, family values, love and most importantly, "God Driven" guidance! You know the banana pudding is good when you just have to have "One More Bite". The same applies to the "Life Food" we received from our parents, grand parents in generations past. That taste is still within us today. The "recipe for life" passed down to us still reigns today. Our previous reunions confirm that our legacy is vital and must be shared with future generations.

Fellow class/school, church and community family from the Beauregard Parish Training school (BPTS) and George Washington Carver era's, we thank you for your unyielding, continuous support and look forward in facilitating a very exciting 2019 reunion. We started planning in October 2017 and have never stopped. Our transition from former reunion lead, Ms. Dale Saffold and staff was flawless, informative and provided a solid foundation to work from. We collectively thank her for meeting the challenge and hosting an outstanding, well attended 2017 reunion event. Our team is committed, focused and very excited! I can clearly say that we are planning a fun-filled all-inclusive event. As you have probably noted, we are presenting our upcoming reunion as a community affair. We realized and trust you will agree that in order to maintain the BPTS/Carver legacy, we must include the community from which we were reared. Our roots are in the community, churches and former school systems. The generation today and the future generations evolve from the template established by our parents and grandparents. It is paramount that our history never be forgotten or lost! We must continue to share our story. We plan to visit all community churches and express the importance and significance of participating in our reunion activities. It is our goal to gain the attendance of at least 500 people during our 3 day event. So please spread the word. This will be a memorable and exciting time in our community.

Additionally, we feel that it is important to enhance the growth of our youth. We will be presenting monetary contributions (Scholarships) to deserving high school students seeking higher education or technical degrees. It is imperative that we nurture the growth of our own just as our parents did. Yes, It does take a village to raise a child.

Our planning format presents an exciting venue that includes entertainment, great food and most importantly, "Good Old Fashion Fellowship". It's time that we not only return to our roots as a family, but that we also embrace our community and future leaders of our township and these great United States.

Our venue includes the following:

- A. Friday, 5 July 2019: (7AM) Early Morning Fellowship and Walk(Bryant Park)
- B. Friday, 5 July 2019: (10 AM-2PM) Registration (White Stucco Bldg)
- C. Friday, 5 July 2019: (6PM) Meet/Greet & State Of the BPTS/Carver Community Reunion Organization (Memorial Civic Center) Our Theme for the evening is "Back To Our Roots" We are asking everyone to wear your favorite "African" Attire
- D. Saturday, 6 July 2019 (11 AM- 2PM) Luncheon(Memorial Civic Center)
- E. Saturday, 6 July 2019 (6:30-12AM) Banquet/Dinner (KC Hall)
- F. Sunday, 7 July 2019 (8:00-9:30 AM) Worship Service(Norris Memorial)

We have established a website (www.carverbpts.com) and face book page (2019 BPTS/Carver Community Reunion). All announcements and venue updates will be posted on these sites. Please browse and enjoy.

The cost of this reunion is \$100.00 per adult as approved during our 2017 business meeting.

Please be advised the cost is the same no matter what venue you attend. This cost does not include Shirts and Caps. You will have an option of paying online via our website (Paypal) or by mail. If you choose to mail your payments, please send your payment to the below address:

P.O. Box 1611

Deridder Louisiana, 70634

We kindly ask that all dollars be paid not later than 1 April 2019. This will allow us to finalize all financial obligations in a timely manner and ensure this reunion exceeds all of our expectations.

The following hotels are offering our group discounts: Please reference" BPTS/Carver Community Reunion" when making your Reservations

- A. <u>Best Western Plus (337-460-2066) \$107.00 +Tax</u>
- B. Quality Inn (337-462-0022) \$85.00 + Tax
- C. America Best Value Inn (337-460-7747) \$60.00 +Tax

We are also seeking any old school day pictures or paraphernalia that you may have. If you have anything to share please email me at "sigma72@cox.net" or call me at 478 714 6996. Help us look back into the time that was as we appreciate the time that is. We look forward in seeing our community come together once again. So mark your calendars and get ready to have some "Down Home" fun!!!! This will be exciting!! This will be different!!! Hope to see you there. God Bless You All!!!!

Alfred Woods

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