## PETERSON FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

Peterson – Jackson – Mack – Connors – Knighton – Wakefield June 2012

**Important:** Message from **Homer Duke** regarding the plans for the 2013 Family Reunion:

I (Homer) spoke to **Mr. Loyal B. Charles** (certified travel counselor) (404) 231-8747 <u>www.uniglobeatlanta.com</u> regarding our next reunion: "Taking it to the Sea" Carnival Cruise to Bahamas.

- Thursday, July 25, 2013 Sunday, July 28, 2013
- Cost: \$389 + tax \$58 (inside cabin) or
- \$419 + tax \$58 (ocean view)
- \$9 fee per person for fuel cost!
- Depart from Orlando, Florida.
- Each cabin can hold up to 4!
- After booking you will have up 60 days to cancel.
- Group deal guarantees dinner at same table as well as occupancy on same floor.
- We need to have a least 8 cabins for group.
- 1st payment due in mid November 2012 and final payment April 15, 2013.
- Credit or debit card only!
- Accommodation for handicap and diabetic!

All suggestions welcome !!

The Cruise Committee (Homer Duke, Cassandra Jackson, Pamela Saunders, and Frank White) needs to know how many folks are interested and serious about taking the Family Reunion Cruise in 2013. It is important that you contact Homer today and let him know whether or not you are interested in the 2013 Family Reunion Cruise to the Bahamas. Please respond by contacting Homer Duke before June 25, 2012. For more information regarding the actual cruise visit the company's website or contact Mr. Loyal B. Charles. See website and telephone number above.

Please mail or email or call Homer Duke regarding your interest in the Cruise at:

4168 Shining Armor Drive Conley, GA 30288. homerduke@yahoo.com

## (678) 437-7053

**Family Newsletter**: The costs associated with printing and mailing over 100 hard copies of each newsletter is high. Therefore, only those who are identified as **not** having access to the Internet (email, Facebook, or the family webpage) will continue to receive the newsletter through the mail. The rest of us will receive our copy via email or the Peterson Families Facebook Group or by viewing it on the family webpage.

If I don't have your email address then please email it to me at <u>nejames@verizon.net</u>. Join the Peterson Families Facebook Group by befriending me (Noriega E. James <u>www.facebook.com/noreaj</u>). Group members are free to use the option that allows them to add other family members to the Group.

The Internet and email will allow us to reach more family members, share more family history and information, and increase the participation in our reunions.

## **Family Milestones & Notices**

- Derrick Knighton wants all to know that his vegetable garden is coming along very well. If you're in his area stop by and take a look. He may give you samples.
- Happy 85th birthday to Eloise Owens Moore
- Proud mom, Shakira Sampson, tells us of the article printed in the Albany Herald that features her son Dontrevious Ousley who is the top-ranked discus thrower in the state of Georgia regardless of classification. http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2012/may/10/ghsa-boys-state-track-preview-ousley-westover-have/

Members of the Peterson Families Facebook Group may post *Milestones & Notices* directly to the Facebook Group. Post births, birthdays and deaths, prayer requests for the sick, graduations, promotions, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, achievements, and any other notices or accomplishments you wish to share with the family. Do this at any time. Do it now. There is no need to wait for a newsletter. If you don't have access to the Facebook Group then email, mail, or phone in your notices to me and I will post them on the Group or Webpage or in an upcoming newsletter as necessary.

**Family Web page:** Visit the family webpage at: www.noreaj.com/petersonfamilies. The webpage contains photos and videos from past family reunions. There are obituaries, family genealogy charts, US Census records, and some family history. Contact me if you have information that you would like posted on the family webpage. Send me copies of family obituaries (recent or past) and any historical records or documents you may come across. I will digitize them and return the originals to you in a timely manner.

The **1940 US Census** was recently released. Soon I will be researching them in hopes of finding our family members. Check the family webpage every now and then to see what I've found.

I have created the beginnings of a Breedlove - Owens page. See www.noreaj.com and select Breedlove Family. I'm looking to you to provide the information I need to further develop the page. If you are a member of the Breedlove or Owens family and have information to share on the webpage then call or email me.

**Names and Addresses or Email Addresses:** The continuing success of our family reunions depends upon reaching as many family members as possible. Send me the home and or email addresses of family members that may not be on our current mailing list.

**Urgent Notification System:** Contact me (Butch, Noriega) by email or phone when you have urgent family news such as a death that demands instant notification. I will send out the information via email to those family members for whom I have email addresses and post a notice on the Peterson Families Facebook Group. Those who receive the information by email or Facebook 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:** All of us should work to correct, update, and expand our family tree charts. Check the family webpage to see if your family-

specific tree information is included and is correct. If you have not forwarded your family information to me then do so. If your name does not appear on one of the many trees on the family webpage then please let me know. Further, I may send you a request for information if I do not find your name on one of the charts or that your family section of the family tree chart seems incomplete. Let me know if you need a **personal chart** with you or someone else at the center or focus.

## Keep informed and up to date by visiting the Family Webpage and the Peterson Families Facebook Group.

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