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Feel the
excitement
building!

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**A few Seattle family
at the Atlanta family reunion**

GREETINGS FAMILY,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter Season and celebrated the glory and mercy of GOD through His son Jesus Christ! We also hope you are enjoying the blossoming Spring in all its color and warmth.

This is our first newsletter for the upcoming SEATTLE FAMILY REUNION in July 2026. The Seattle Reunion committee is actively planning an exciting weekend for everyone. They started working and planning almost immediately after the Atlanta Reunion.

The reunion executive committee felt the excitement during our first meeting, and it builds each time we meet. You should expect hotel information and other information over the next month or two so you can start planning and setting aside funds to ensure you are “*In the House*” when we meet in Seattle next year!

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members if you should have any questions. You can also email the AAD Reunion email box with any information you wish to share or communicate, aadfamilyreunion@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Your Reunion Committee



SAVE the DATE
2026 AAD Family Reunion
Seattle, WA
July 16 – 19, 2026

The **AAD Family Reunion website** is available for you to view reunion information, <https://aadfamilyreunion.org>



We will update the website with more detailed information over the next month. Check back soon!

ARE YOU READY TO FLY!

GET YOUR REAL ID BEFORE MAY 7, 2025

The United States Government has mandated that anyone traveling domestically or entering any Federal building must have a REAL ID. Have you got yours yet? If not, here are a few things you need to know.

Starting May 7, 2025, the Real ID Act will be fully enforced, changing the way you travel and access federal facilities. Here's what you need to know to stay prepared:

What is a Real ID? A Real ID is a state-issued driver's license or ID card that meets federal security standards. It's easy to check - look for the star in the top corner of your ID or Driver's License.

Why Do You Need One? Without a Real ID or an approved alternative like a passport, you cannot board domestic flights, and you won't be allowed to enter any secure federal building.

What Happens If You're Not Compliant? Travel and federal access restrictions will apply, and additional screenings may lead to delays.

How to Get Your Real ID? Visit your local DMV with these documents:

- 1) *Proof of identity (e.g., birth certificate or passport),*
- 2) *Proof of Social Security number, and*
- 3) *Two documents proving residency (e.g., utility bill or rental agreement).*

To learn more Visit Homeland Security's Real ID page at <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> or your state's DMV for details and to schedule your appointment.



Get Real ID ready now and be all set for your travels to the Seattle Reunion.



Seattle Family Trivia

Did you know there are over 40 AAD family members residing in the Washington and Oregon area.

SOME POPULAR SEATTLE LANDMARKS & TOURIST SPOTS

Historical Places:



Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park – Learn about Seattle’s role in the 1897-98 gold rush at this free museum in Pioneer Square.



Smith Tower - Opened in 1914, this was once the tallest building west of the Mississippi. Visit the observatory for stunning views



Historic Chinatown Gate – A vibrant landmark marking the entrance to Seattle’s Chinatown, celebrating the city’s cultural heritage.



Log Cabin Museum - Operated by the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, this museum showcases the history of West Seattle.

Tourist Attractions:

Space Needle – Seattle’s most iconic landmark, offering breathtaking views from its observation deck.

Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) – A must-visit for music, sci-fi, and pop culture fans.

Hiram M. Chittenden Locks – Watch boats pass through the locks and visit the fish ladder to see salmon migrating.

Starbucks Reserve Roastery – Located in Capitol Hill, this immersive coffee experience offers rare blends, specialty drinks, and a behind-the-scenes look at Starbucks’ roasting process.

Original Starbucks at Pike Place Market – Visit the first-ever Starbucks store, opened in 1971, and see its historic signage and original design

Olympic Sculpture Park – A stunning waterfront park filled with monumental sculptures and green space.

FREE ACTIVITIES

Jimi Hendrix Park



Found next to the Northwest African American Museum, Jimi Hendrix Park celebrates Jimi Hendrix and the nearby multicultural community where he grew up. At the Jimi Hendrix Park, you’ll find a welcoming green space, a chronological timeline of Jimi Hendrix’s life and career, a butterfly garden, and sculptures. For music lovers, this is one of the best things to do in Seattle for free! Address - 2400 S Massachusetts St, Seattle, WA 98144
Open Daily, 4 AM-11:30PM

Pike Place Market



Opening in 1907, **Pike Place Market** is the oldest continuously operating farmer’s market in the country (Seattle in July is the best time to visit for tons of produce). This iconic Seattle landmark has been a bustling hub of commerce and community for over a century, attracting locals and visitors alike to shop for fresh produce, artisanal goods, and unique crafts.