



Happy Holidays!



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**JOY & PEACE THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Holiday Quotes from Atlanta's Leaders

"May the twinkling lights of this season remind us that even in the darkest of times, there is always light within us waiting to shine."

- Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Icon

"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return."

- Atlanta-legendary singer Nat King Cole

"Let's fill our hearts with the warmth of the season and let it shine through in everything we do."

- Usher, Grammy-winning Atlanta native

"Holiday magic is simply love disguised as lights, wrapping paper, and songs."

- Alice Walker author of The Color Purple

"Christmas is a time to open our hearts to the wonder of God's love, the gift of life, and the hope of a new year."

- Bishop Michael Curry, the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

We hope you are enjoying this Christmas and Holiday Season! The AAD Family Reunion Committee Elves are busy preparing for this summer's reunion event, and we are looking forward to seeing you in July. Pray for peace in our nation and around the world as you abide in this season of blessings.

We also ask you to start planning for the reunion. This newsletter and the AAD Family Reunion website contain information on the reunion agenda, registration fees, and how to make a payment using the PayPal link. Additionally, we have included a friendly reminder for you to book your hotel. December may be a busy month for you but start saving and begin paying your assessment in January, if possible. We pray you are all able to join the ATLANTA crew in next year!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members if you should have any questions or email our general email box with any information you wish to share, aadfamlyreunion@gmail.com

God Bless!



Atlanta Family Reunion Registration Fees & Other Information

Registration Fees

The 2024 AAD Family Reunion Registration Fees are listed below. We have worked to include as many activities as possible in the registration fee. You will have free time to explore the city, but the activities in our agenda are part of the fees except for the family reunion t-shirts that will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

We are working to make this an enjoyable experience and sharing the pricing with you now so you can plan and prepare for the upcoming 2024 Family Reunion.

- **\$175 per adult** (11 years old & up)
- **\$110 per child** (3 – 10 years old)
- **Free** for 0 to 2 years old infants and toddlers

Payment Link - paypal.me/aadfamillyreunion

Ensure you **select** “**FRIENDS & FAMILY**” to avoid more fees being added to the reunion account.

You can also mail a check to: Delna Gray, 1296 Cronson Blvd.
PO Box 3007, Crofton, MD 21114

Visit the AAD Family Reunion page for more details:
<https://aadfamilyreunion.org>

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, July 18, 2024

- Reunion Check-in and weekend agenda details.
- Family Meet & Greet (Embassy Suites)

Friday, July 19, 2024

- Free time to explore Atlanta
- AAD Family Banquet (Embassy Suites)

Saturday, July 20, 2024

- Wear your AAD Reunion T-shirts
- Family Picture
- Tour the Atlanta area by bus
- AAD Family Meal (Popular Local Spot)

Sunday, July 21, 2024

- Breakfast & Family Meeting

Atlanta Reunion Hotel Details

The **Downtown Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park** is our reunion hotel for 2024. The AAD Hotel Rates are **\$199 per night** for a King Bed or 2 Double Beds. Use the steps below to reserve your room.

1. Click the **hotel link**: [Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park Hotel \(hilton.com\)](https://hilton.com)
2. Enter the reunion dates: **July 18 - 21, 2024**
3. Enter the **Group Code**: **91L** for the *AAD Family Reunion* rate.

Or **call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)** to book your reservations and give them the **group code 91L**. Please do not call the hotel directly.

Email the reunion committee if rooms are not available or you have any issues reserving your hotel rooms.
[aadfamilyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:aadfamillyreunion@gmail.com)

ATLANTA FUN FACT!

For nearly 45 years, Atlanta was often Maya Angelou's hideaway. In an article by Rosalind Bentley of the Atlanta Journal – Constitution, Maya Angelou was known as a sought-after speaker at civic and arts events in Atlanta, and at college campuses such as Spelman or Morehouse.

Long before she was awarded the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*, she'd go to Atlanta to write, to rest, and to take care of family. And sometimes, she'd just go to Atlanta to shake off her blues.