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Our Family Tree

The Giving Tree.

The Tree of Life.

Our Roots are Deep.

Our Branches Strong.

Centered in Christ.

Memories of Past.

Moments Today.

Dreaming Beyond.

Linked Together.

There for Each Other.

Connections Strong.

The Tomlinson Times

Greetings Family!



It is almost time! We look forward to **"sea-ing"** you all on the cruise or **"loving the land"** at Carolina BBQ in a few short days.

No matter how you plan on enjoying family this year, make sure to make the most of it! Making memories, laughing hard and loving even harder is one of the Tomlinson family specialties, and although we will be gracing 2 different locations with our presence this year, expect nothing less from this precious time we have all decided to engage in together as collectively we solidify our family ties.

Summertime is a time to break out, be bold, love the skin you are in and look forward to creating life a-new with all the time in the slower/colder months that allowed time for rest, reflection and planning. As such, we are starting to roll out the path for the next year of the Tomlinson Family Association – so let's go!

In this edition keep an  out for:

- Business meetings during sea and land July 19th events heads-up!
 - ✓ Nominating 2025/2026 Tomlinson Family officers
 - ✓ Volunteer for the 2026 Raleigh Tomlinson Family Reunion Planning Committee
- Exciting update on our 501 c status
- Land Reunion Information



**DON'T
FORGET
TO TAKE
LOTS OF
PICTURES!**



This is just a friendly reminder that our Land and Sea family reunion is coming up soon. Mark your calendar for July 18 through the 21st for the Sea cruise and July 19 for the Land dinner. Contact Diana Mitchell 919-412-0279 by JULY 10th if you plan to attend the land dinner at:

**Original Carolina Barbeque,
733 US-70, Garner, NC, 27529
Saturday, July 19, 2025,
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

We are looking forward to spending time together, making memories, and enjoying all the fun activities planned on both land and sea. Please make sure your travel arrangements are planned. Let's get excited and look forward to having a great time with family.

**THANK YOU
to Our 2025 Tomlinson
Family Reunion Planning Committee:**

"Sea" Chair: Debra Phillips
"Land" Chair: Tashera Nichols-McDuffie with
members Karen Hodges and Donna Norwood

Election of Officers



It's that time again!

Time to elect officers for The Tomlinson Association from October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. This year, since we are conducting our family reunion on "land" and "sea", we will be electing officers through a nomination process.

The following offices are open for nominations:

President & Vice President

If you would like to make a nomination for any of these offices, please follow these steps:

- 1) Secure the permission and acceptance of the person you are nominating;
- 2) Make your nomination at the business meeting to be held during the family reunions;
- 3) If you are not attending the "land" nor "sea" family reunion this year, but you still want to make a nomination, submit the name of the person you are nominating to Elnora Jenkins-Christie, elnorajc@gmail.com or 614-398-8519; and
- 4) All nominations must be **submitted by July 21, 2025.**

All Tomlinson Family members can make nominations, but only those with current paid memberships can participate in the voting process. The election of officers will be finalized at The Tomlinson Association business meeting to be held in September 2025.

Calling all Volunteers!

You know you want to make sure the family has a  for next year's family reunion – so you should just volunteer now! Please gather yourself and all your favorite cousins and commit to joining the **2026 Tomlinson Family Reunion Planning Committee**. Meetings are generally once a month (more if needed as the date gets closer – remember it's the third weekend of July every year). Do what you can. A special shout out to the Raleigh based family to play a part in providing us with locations, spaces and experiences they believe the family would enjoy. If you love your city and want us to experience it the way that you do – please join us in planning our next adventure. We thank you all in advance for your time and energy!



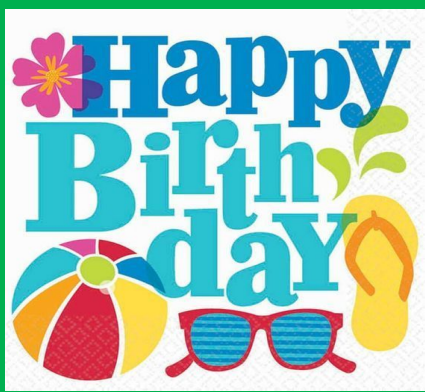


Legal Status of The Tomlinson Association

The Tomlinson Association has officially been awarded its 501 (c) 7 from the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). Congratulations and a huge thanks to all who were involved with obtaining legal status for our family organization. So, what does it mean to be a 501 (c) 7, you ask? The Tomlinson Association is now recognized as a social club. A social club must be organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar purposes and direct most of its income to the club's exempt purposes in order to remain tax exempt.

As a 501 (c) 7, we are exempt from federal income tax however, state and local exemption may vary. We can request exemption from state and local taxes, but each state has its own regulations regarding tax exemptions for nonprofits. Unfortunately, under our subsection of exemption, donors cannot deduct contributions they make to The Tomlinson Association.

The Tomlinson Family Reunion is now an activity of The Tomlinson Association. As a social club, we can establish other activities (e.g., Portia Tomlinson Scholarship Fund) under our Association and seek funding as a non-profit organization to support those activities. More details about our status will be discussed during upcoming business meetings. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Elnora Jenkins-Christie at elnorajc@gmail.com or 614-398-8519.



Don't forget to mark your calendars every 4th THURSDAY of the month for **THANKFUL THURSDAY PRAYER** zoom at 7:30pm, est. Remaining calls for the summer:

***July 24 *Aug. 28 *Sept. 25**

