

# Lindsey Family Newsletter



*"In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future."*

**-Alex Haley**

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# Message from Our President

**Dear Lindsey Family Members,**



Many thanks to Barbara, Melvin, and Sarah for hosting a very successful reunion. We had a wonderful time at the 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion in Las Vegas, NV and our location at the Treasure Island Resort was a great choice! Of particular note and in keeping with the theme of “Empowering our Youth” was the involvement and active participation of our younger family members in all the programmed activities. Much praise to our banquet speaker Danielle Holly (daughter of Dorothea Ryales Boc) for the outstanding message she left us with. The entire reunion experience left you with much encouragement in knowing that the future of our family reunion gatherings are in good hands.

One major accomplishment during our family’s business meeting is that Danielle Holly volunteered to host the 2020 family reunion in Philadelphia, PA, i.e., following our milestone 25<sup>th</sup> family reunion in Detroit, MI in 2018. The Detroit host committee has already made some substantial progress in their planning. So, start saving up now! You don’t want to miss the great celebration we expect to have in Detroit, MI in 2018.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to pay their annual dues and send your scholarship donations to our Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, as soon as possible. Details can be found in the body of this newsletter.

God Bless,  
Willie E. Evans

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## Family Dues Reminder

As with most organizations, the foundation and essence for continued success is financial stability. The only source of income for our family's treasurer is through dues and monetary contributions from family members. The family has set the dues amount at \$25.00 a year for each adult family member eighteen and over that's due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year that results in a total of \$50.00 due from one family reunion to the next. We have also created a button on the family's website that will allow you to pay dues on line. Questions regarding dues can be directed to the Treasurer at (228) 392-8251. If you prefer mail, please mail your dues payment to the following address and make checks payable to "Lindsey Family Reunion."

**Gloria Nixon**  
**6901 Southwind Drive**  
**Biloxi, MS 39532-5731**

### **Dues and Scholarship Donations collected at the 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada:**

<u>Family Members</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Crosby, Doris	\$ 50.00	
Davis, Leon & Christine	\$ 50.00	
Deas, Corinet Lindsey	\$ 50.00	
Dixon, Barbara	\$ 50.00	
Gibson, Diana	\$ 50.00	
Lindsey, Barbara	\$ 50.00	
Lindsey, Ben	\$ 50.00	
Lindsey, Clauzell	\$ 50.00	\$20.00
Lindsey, Henry III	\$ 25.00	
Lindsey, Nanne B	\$ 50.00	
Lindsey, Raynell & Joann	\$ 50.00	
Overstreet, Tia & Wright, Arlile	\$ 50.00	
Overstreet, Barbara Wright	\$ 25.00	
Wright, Edith	\$ 50.00	\$20.00
McMillian, Renee & McMillian	\$100.00	
Pepper, Nixon Nichole	\$ 50.00	
Jackson, Janice & Dexter	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Subtotal	\$1,000.00	\$90.00
Total	<b>\$1,090.00</b>	

## **Lindsey Family Reunion 2016**

On Thursday, July 21, 2016, the 24<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion began with a Welcome Reception at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in the Host Suite. The family members who had arrived were treated to a home cooked southern buffet dinner and open bar, while having a great time reacquainting with family members that they may not have seen for a few years. Registration packets and purchased t-shirts were distributed.

Both Business Meetings were well attended and facilitated by Willie Evans, President. Family business was conducted, and our youth shared their accomplishments during both meetings with the family. We were proud to hear of the accomplishments of our youth. Two (2) Michael Jackson "ONE" tickets were donated by the Host and raffled off as recognition for early registration. Edith Wright was the winner! In addition, the Host donated a bottle of Dom Perignon for each meeting, to be raffled, for family members who arrived promptly to the Family Meetings. The raffle winners were Reverend Robert Ware (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) and Gloria Wiley (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting). The 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion (special reunion) will be in Detroit, where the first Lindsey Reunion in 1979 was held.

On Friday afternoon, family members were taken by Chartered Bus, to the Vacation Estate Rental for the BBQ picnic, others came by private car. We held the picnic at a rented estate that allowed family members to relax and enjoy in an air-conditioned 4200 sq. ft. environment, playing pool, card games, socializing and a backyard oasis with pool and spa. Many family members enjoyed the shaded patio and playing in the pool. A buffet of home cooked barbeque ribs and chicken, greens, and taco bar were provided. In addition, fried chicken, fish filets, and an open bar were available. After picnicking and playing into the evening, members were shuttled back to Treasure Island for a little rest & relaxation. Later, some family members went to see the Michael Jackson "ONE" show. The evening weather allowed many others to get out and enjoy the evening lights and sights (LINQ, Casinos, other shows and the Promenade).

The 24<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Reunion Banquet was held on Saturday at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino, in the Caribbean Ballrooms, where the family was treated to a full course dinner, soloist (Barbara Wright-Overstreet), Inspirational Keynote Speaker (Danielle Holly), DJ, socializing and most importantly, an evening of dancing! Many pictures were taken. The Banquet was attended by #106 family members!

Sunday morning, family members enjoyed a banquet Breakfast prior to departure. The 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion in Las Vegas, NV was a great opportunity for family members to see many important American Landmarks (Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon) and make family memories to last a life time.

The 2016 Reunion was well attended. The Registration Cost was \$150 per person, that included a meal provided daily (a money saving convenience for family members), and we were able to get a great discount on our hotel stay at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino (Wed-Thur \$50/night and Fri/Sat \$110/night)! The hotel was very convenient, located on the Strip. Family members could easily walk down the Strip to shopping, dining, Promenade, LINQ, casinos and public shuttles that took them to other casinos. There was plenty of time for family members to see Las Vegas sites at their own pace.

We hope that all who attended the 2016 Reunion will remember a unique family-fun vacation experience.

Bless You All,

**Melvin and Barbara Lindsey**

October 17, 2016

<b>Monies Received (includes a la carte fees - #106 attendees):</b>		
<b>Age</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>\$ Received</b>
< 5 yrs (# 5 attended)	\$ 50.00	\$ 215.00
5 to 11 yrs (# 10 attended)	\$ 100.00	\$ 945.00
12 to 80 (# 89 attended)	\$ 150.00	\$ 12,690.00
> 80 yrs. (# 4 attended)	0.00	\$0.00
Seed Money		\$ 1,000.00
Newsletter Reimbursement		\$ 900.00
T-shirts		\$ 1,500.00
<b># 108 Registered, # 106 attended.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,250.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Treasure Island (Banquet, Breakfast, DJ)	\$ 11,229.00
Picnic*	\$ 2,380.00
T-shirts	\$ 1,021.00
Bus	\$ 620.00
Unpaid Members > 80 yrs.	\$ 600.00
Newsletters #4 distributed	\$ 900.00
Other (Welcome Bags, Paper goods/other**)	\$ 500.00
Donated by Host ( <b>\$ 3,576</b> ):	\$ -
Gas to/from LV #625 m RT (donated \$255)	\$ -
Hotel Stays prior reunion (donated \$450)	\$ -
Dom Perignon (donated \$315)	\$ -
ONE tickets #2 (donated \$230)	\$ -

Receipt/picnic food/drinks (donated \$1,700)	\$	-
Extra Lodging Reunion(donated \$436)	\$	-
7/21 Reception (suite/adj. room \$190)***	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	\$	17,250.00

<b>Summary</b>		
Total Monies Received	\$	17,250.00
Expenses (Total \$17,250 + \$3,576 = \$20,826)	\$	17,250.00
<b>Total</b>		0.00

\*\$2,380 includes \$420 Party Rentals (#2 Mist Systems,#6 cocktail tables/tablecloths & #30 chairs), \$540 Food/Drinks/paper goods, \$420 Taco Man and \$1,000 Picnic Venue

\*\*\$500 Other includes paper goods (\$23 Program, \$34 Name tags/table, \$25 rem paper #24), \$180 Ink, \$10 clip board, \$13 stickies for banner), \$142 Welcome bags, \$49 banner and \$24 wristlets.

\*\*\*\$190 reimbursement, Host requesting from "Family" for Venue for Family Welcome Reception Dinner; Thursday, 7/21. All other expenses donated by Host.

**THANKS FOR MAKING LAS VEGAS 2016 A SUCCESS!!!!**



# 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion Business Meeting Minutes

## 24th Lindsey Family Reunion 1st Business Meeting Friday, July 22, 2016

The 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 10:13 am on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. President Willie Evans stated the meeting was originally planned for two hours; however, he stated he was just informed by the hotel staff that we needed to vacate the room by 11:00am due to another event scheduled to be held in the room. Therefore, any remaining business from today's agenda will be tabled until tomorrow's meeting.

The opening prayer was given by Family Chaplain Robert Ware.

President Willie Evans stated that due to time constraints we will proceed with the agenda as presented and will make adjustments as the need presents itself.

Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairpersons:

**Officers Present:**

President – Willie E. Evans  
 Vice President – Melvin Lindsey  
 Recording Secretary – Diana Gibson  
 Treasurer – Gloria Nixon  
 Financial Secretary – Janice Jackson  
 Assistant Financial Secretary – Leon Davis  
 Chaplain – Robert Ware  
 Parliamentarian – James Lindsey  
 Historian – Sandra Davis (**absent**)  
 Overstreet

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Audit: Richard Lindsey  
 Cemetery: William Franklin (**absent**)  
 Family Directory: Nichole Nixon  
 Family Tree: Edith Wright  
 Fundraising: Melvin Lindsey  
 Lindsey Family News: Karamoko Andrews (**absent**)  
 Scholarship: Diane Gipson  
 Memorial & Amenities: Edith Wright  
 Youth & Young Adult Involvement: Tia

Family members in attendance were:

California	Georgia	New Jersey	North Carolina
Andre Cheeks	Carletta Montgomery	Barbara Dixon	Aiden Anderson
Barbara Lindsey	Dexter Jackson	Daniel Boc	Arlela Wright
Melvin Lindsey	Janice Jackson	Diane Gipson	Barbara Overstreet
Sarah Lindsey	Jeremy Jackson	Dorothea Ryales-Boc	Edith Wright
Shardae Lindsey	Roy Montgomery	Earnestine Brookins	Faith Paige-Moss
		Gloria Thompson	Rosalie Overstreet
Connecticut	Illinois	Ken Gipson	Tia Overstreet
Debra Bryant	Anne Lindsey	Mitchell Bennett Sr.	
Diane Gibson	Catherine Thompson	Renee McMillan	Tennessee
Doris Crosby	Marion Lindsey	Richard Lindsey	August Lindsey
Elaine Crosby		Sahara Gipson	
JoAnn Lindsey	Maryland	Sharon Thompson	
Raynell Lindsey	Willie Evans		
District of Columbia	Michigan	New York	
Flair Lindsey	Chrestine Davis	Benjamin Lindsey	
	Frankie M. Brown	Clauzell Lindsey	
Florida	Gloria Wiley	Rosalie Overstreet	

Isabella Pepper	Johnnie Maxwell	Vanise B. Lindsey	
Lillie Pepper	Khalida Davis		
Max Pepper	Khalil Davis		
Nichole Nixon	Leon Davis		
	Robert Ware		
	Sydney Maxwell		
	Theresa Maxwell		
	Yvonne Ware		

Reading of Minutes from the 2014 Lindsey Family Reunion First Business Meeting was conducted by Vanise B. Lindsey. No changes noted.

Reading of Minutes from the 2014 Lindsey Family Reunion Second Business Meeting was conducted by Diana Gibson. No changes noted.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Gloria Nixon

Gloria gave a review of the Lindsey Annual Financial Report for 2014 - 2016, which was included as part of the agenda package, emphasizing how our President leads by example; i.e., Willie pays his dues and scholarship donations early. She reminded the family about dues payment: annual dues of \$25.00 due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year; or \$50.00 paid at each family reunion. Gloria also emphasized the importance of making scholarship donations with dues payments in support of the family’s scholarship program.

Gloria then stated that she will be resigning as Treasurer in 2018, if not voted out this year. Mentioning it now will provide family members ample time to consider an interest in serving in this position by the 2018 family reunion.

Gloria then recommended an increase in the seed money that’s provided to family reunion host committees. She recommended that the current amount be increased from \$1,000.00 to at least \$1,500.00. The reasons she cited for recommendation were: deposits required for reserving hotels and other venues have gone up over the years; as the cost of living increases each year, we should make similar adjustments with our finances; and family members 80 years of age and older are exempt from registration fees that adds a financial burden for host committees in their planning that was further elaborated on by the current host committee chairs, Barbara and Melvin Lindsey.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted and referred to the Audit Committee chaired by Richard Lindsey for review, and the results to be presented at the second business meeting session.

President Willie Evans commented that procedures should be put in place to ensure family members 80 years and older are accurately captured in registration counts. He also commented that the requirement to provide host committees \$1,000.00 to help offset early expenditures to reserve desired services for family reunions was included in the family bylaws that were established and approved in July 2004 (i.e., twelve years ago). Due to the importance of this topic, further discussion will be added to the second business meeting agenda under New Business.

**Opening remarks from our President:**

President Willie Evans thanked everyone for attending the 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion. Due to time constraints, he proceeded with the agenda.

**Free Raffle:** Vice President Melvin Lindsey and his wife Barbara, the hosts of this reunion, decided to hold a raffle as an incentive for full family participation and involvement in the business meetings especially since over 100 people registered for this reunion. They contributed a bottle of Dom



Perignon for each meeting. Chaplain Robert Ware won the raffle and it was suggested that Communion be held immediately after the business meeting.

### Committee Reports

#### Scholarship – Diane Gipson

Diane made mention of an error in the Financial Report regarding a scholarship award for a recipient who had previously received an award. Gloria apologized stating it was a copy and paste error.

Diane read the names of the 2015 – 2016 Scholarship Recipients:

Name	Year of Graduation	Parents	College/University	Scholarship	Scholarship Amount
Celese Lindsey	2015	Darralyn and Michael Lindsey	Rutgers University	Lindsey Family Academic Excellence	\$500
Keniya Robertson	2015	Latoya and Andre Bennett	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Lindsey Family	\$300
Myles Lindsey	2016	Darralyn and Michael Lindsey	West Virginia University	Lindsey Family Academic Excellence	\$500
Donesha McMillan	2016	Renee McMillan	New Jersey City University	Lindsey Family	\$300
Michael Nelson	2016	Grandson of Shirley Lindsey-Bennett	Institute of Audio Research	Lindsey Family	\$300

**Question** asked by Ken Gipson: How is the scholarship fund funded?

**Answered** by Diane and Gloria: During the business meeting at the reunions, the family is asked to separately submit funds apart from dues. They are deposited into the same account but there is a breakdown separating dues from scholarship donations. There are two types of scholarships, the Lindsey Family Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Lindsey Family Scholarship. The scholarship program allows for the award of four scholarships each year: one (1) for \$500.00 – Academic Excellence Scholarship and three (3) for \$300.00 – Lindsey Family Scholarship.

**Question** asked by Theresa Maxwell: Are there other ways we can submit funds?

**Answered** by Diane Gipson and Willie Evans: Besides making donations at the family reunion, you can mail your contributions directly to the Treasurer, Gloria Nixon. Also, Karamoko Andrews (family’s webmaster) is working on the website to allow for dues and scholarship donations to be made online

#### Website & Newsletter – Willie Evans

Karamoko is working on changes to the website to allow for online payments, and the plan is to publish a newsletter in Fall 2016.

#### Family Directory & Family Tree – Edith Wright

Everyone was asked to review the information on the hard copies of the current family directory that was passed around, fill out a white index card with the corrected information for you and other family members as needed, and return the completed cards to Edith.

Edith made note of a form for each family to fill out that Carletta Montgomery made 6 years ago. The intent is to obtain accurate information that’s needed to update our family tree. This is necessary

because as we multiply, so does the branches on our family tree.

**Youth & Young Adult Involvement** – Tia Overstreet

Tia is working with Barbara and Melvin to plan activities for the youth during the reunion. However, at the banquet on Saturday evening, there will be presentations by the youth on “The Importance of Family/Family Reunions.”

**Cemetery Report** (William Franklin - Chairperson) – Willie Evans

Willie maintains ongoing contact with William Franklin on status of the cemetery grounds at Bellview Park AME Zion in Evergreen, AL. The church maintains the plot and the Treasurer periodically sends a monetary donation as appreciation. The last donation was made December 2013 in the amount of \$500.00.

**Memorial & Amenities** – Edith Wright

A list of known family members that passed since the last family reunion in 2014 was included in the meeting packet. Edith asked that any changes/additions be provided to her as soon as possible in preparation for tomorrow night’s banquet.

**Old Business Tabled until Tomorrow:**

2014 Lindsey Family Reunion Highlights – Diana Gipson

2018 Lindsey Family Reunion – Yvonne Ware

**New Business Tabled until Tomorrow:**

Bids for the 2020 & 2022 Lindsey Family Reunion – Willie Evans

Nomination of Family Officers – Renee McMillan (a description of each position was included in the meeting packet)

Election of Family Officers – Willie Evans

**Family Introductions Tabled until Tomorrow**

Willie stated that at the Banquet we will identify the youngest and oldest family member.

**Administrative Remarks** – Barbara and Melvin Lindsey

Melvin reiterated the incentive behind the free raffle – to encourage family participation and increase meeting attendance. Melvin and Barbara contributed the donations themselves. They discussed the pricing of catering services and the importance of registering early. There are a lot of out-of-pocket expenses until the registration fees arrive. Early registration helps offset these early expenses for the host family.

Regarding the family outing, the private picnic location is an estate with a private pool, spa, basketball court, pool table, TV, tables for card/domino games, and indoor/outdoor seating. Everything you need for a picnic with the benefit of air conditioning! There will be NO smoking on the premises, drink responsibly and bring towels. Colored arm bracelets were in the registration packets to identify those who paid for the family picnic. The arm bands are to be worn with the Lindsey Family Reunion T-shirts. The family picnic will be from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Buses will begin loading at 1:45 pm and depart for the estate at 2:00 pm sharp!! The bus holds 56 people and since it cost \$600.00 per bus, only one bus was rented. It would be helpful if those with cars will assist in transporting family to the estate where the picnic is being held. The location is 10 – 15 minutes away. Janice Jackson volunteered to make trips with her van until 2:30 pm to bring those in need of transportation.

Another incentive for registering by April 21<sup>st</sup> was to be entered into the drawing for two tickets to the Michael Jackson “One” show by Cirque du Soleil at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino. It is for the Friday night showing at 9:30 pm. It was decided by the majority that there will be one drawing and the

winner will receive both tickets; in the event that a spouse won, it would not be fair for them not to go together. The winner of this first drawing was Edith Wright.

**Closing Prayer by Family Chaplain – Robert Ware**

**The President adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.**

Willie E. Evans, President  
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.

Vanise B. Lindsey  
Assistant Recording Secretary

**24<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting  
Saturday, July 23, 2016**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting was called out of recess by President Willie Evans at 10:15 am on Saturday, July 23, 2016 and continued as the Lindsey Family Reunion 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting at the Treasure Island Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The following family members were in attendance:

<b>California</b>	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>New Jersey (con't)</b>
Barbara Lindsey	Willie Evans	Henry Lindsey III
Melvin Lindsey	<b>Michigan</b>	Ken Gipson
Sarah Lindsey	Frankie Brown	Laura Thompson
Shardae Lindsey	Gloria Wiley Rankins	Renee McMillan
<b>Connecticut</b>	James Lindsey	Keneyada Thompson
Debra Bryant	Johnnie Maxwell	Richard Lindsey
Diana Gibson	Robert Ware	Sharon Thompson
Doris Crosby	Theresa Maxwell	Sahara Gipson
Elaine Crosby	Yvonne Ware	<b>New York</b>
Jo Ann Lindsey	<b>Mississippi</b>	Benjamin Lindsey
Raynell Lindsey	Gloria Nixon	Nadine Lindsey
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>	Vanise Lindsey
Carletta Montgomery	Barbara Nicol	<b>North Carolina</b>
Janice Jackson	Chase Thompson	Arlela Wright
Roy Montgomery	Corinet Deas	Barbara Wright-Overstreet
<b>Illinois</b>	Danielle Holly	Edith Wright
Anne Lindsey	Diane Gipson	Tia Overstreet
Catherine Thompson	Ernestine Brookins	<b>Tennessee</b>
Marion Lindsey	Gloria Thompson	August Lindsey

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Robert Ware.

Meeting material was distributed during the first business meeting held on Friday, July 22, 2016 that contained the agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting. The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2014 Lindsey Family Reunion Highlights
- 2018 Lindsey Family Reunion
- Seed money for host committees under New Business

**President Remarks:**

- Sign in sheets for today's meeting are in the back of the room, and if you attended the first business meeting and did not sign the attendance sheet please see Vanise Lindsey.
- Dues (\$25.00) is due every year by January 31<sup>st</sup> and applies to all family members 18 years and older. Janice Jackson, Financial Secretary, has envelopes for dues payments.
- Edith Wright has a contact information sheet that each family member is asked to review and verify that their contact information is up-to-date, and if known family members are missing from the list they are requested to be added.
- Edith Wright is updating the Fallen Leaves list with the names of the those who passed since the last reunion.
- Edith Wright is continuing with the family tradition of identifying the youngest and oldest family members in attendance at the reunion to be presented at tonight's banquet.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2014 Family Reunion Highlights**

- Diana Gibson read the 2014 Family Reunion Report in the absence of Connecticut Family Reunion Co-Hosts Clyde Crosby and Cedric Lindsey. She noted that an amendment needed to be made to the financial portion of the report. No monies were paid back to the family reunion treasury as the pending starred items (money owed for t-shirts from a family member and expected caterer reimbursement were never received).
- President Willie commented on the wonderful time everyone experienced in Connecticut, and stated the Family Host Committee did an outstanding job in which all agreed.

**Business Meeting Attendance Raffle**

The Las Vegas Host Family raffled a bottle of Dom Perignon, which they had donated, to encourage timely attendance and participation in each business meeting. The goal was to increase the business meetings attendance for all who was present at the reunion from 50% to 75%. Gloria Wiley Rankins was the winner of the second business meeting raffle.

**Youth and Young Adult Involvement Committee – Tia Overstreet / Catherine Thompson**

Sahara Gipson shared her personal experiences and highlighted "How Family has Impacted her Life." Her overall theme was, "Don't Give Up – Pursue Your Dreams." Sahara parents are Kenneth and Diane Gipson, and she currently attends Temple University.

**Scholarship – Diane Gipson**

Previous family scholarship recipients in attendance and their family were recognized.

**Family Introductions**

Family members introduced themselves by branches of the family tree of Rosa and Jonas.

**Branches:**

**Georgia** – not present

**Emma**- not present

**Henry Sr** – majority of the family members present

**Ben** – family members present

**Betsey** – no off springs

### **Announcements for the Good of the Family - Family**

Family members shared their educational and job accomplishments, as well as updates on family members who are past scholarship recipients. The overriding theme is our goal to support and empower our youth. Personal testimonies were shared by the following family members: Sahara Gipson, Sarah Lindsey, August Lindsey, Ben Lindsey, and Catherine Thompson.

Richard Lindsey recommended a book for family members to read – Seven Steps to Health by Max Sidorov. It addresses cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. (e.g., old fashioned home remedies-teaspoon of baking soda, honey in boiling water, raw vegetables and nuts, etc.).

### **Administrative remarks - Melvin Lindsey / Barbara Lindsey**

Reference was made to the family reunion newsletter highlights – Discussed why Family Reunions are so important to continue. We have been consistent. Detroit 2018 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion (38 years since we started). It was noted that the family has been blessed over the years by having a reunion at every scheduled time. This is a reflection of the family as a whole, and the fruits it has bared.

Everyone was asked to arrive for tonight's family banquet by 5:45 pm for a family picture and reminded to wear the arm band.

### **Memorial and Amenities Committee Report – Edith Wright**

Edith gathered information regarding the youngest and oldest family member attending the reunion.

Oldest – Ben Lindsey; Youngest – Isabela Pepper

**Banquet Update** – Male and Female oldest family members recognized – Ben Lindsey and Frankie Brown respectively; Youngest recognized - Isabela Pepper and Faith Paige-Moss who were born the same month and year.

**Fallen Leaves** – Additional names identified at the reunion are:

Betty Lindsey Kirkland

Joe C. Lindsey

Lillie B. Lindsey

Ruby Lindsey Roberts

**Sick & Shut-in:** Clyde Crosby – surgical procedure scheduled in August.

### **Audit Report – Richard Lindsey**

Richard thoroughly reviewed the financial report and records and found everything in order. He made one recommendation/observation. He recommended, as previously mentioned, that we increase the seed money. President Willie noted that it will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

### **Approval of 2020 Family Reunion Location:**

It was voted and approved that the 2020 Lindsey Family Reunion be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 2020 Family Reunion Committee Members are Danielle Holly, Diane Gipson and Jean Nichols. Gloria Nixon informed the group that family members living in Pensacola, FL has expressed an interest in hosting a family reunion in the near future, and she said she would follow up with Fred Lindsey of Pensacola, FL ask they consider hosting a reunion in 2022.

**New Business:**

### **Increase in Family Host Committee Seed Money**

Open discussions held to increase the seed money for family host committees from \$1,000.00 to a higher agreed upon amount. It was noted when the bylaws were approved in 2004, \$1,000.00 was considered to be an adequate amount for financial assistance to family host committees; however, since that time costs have risen to a point necessitating a need for the family to take action at this reunion to increase the seed money for planning of future family reunions. After open discussions concluded, a motion was made and seconded to increase the amount of the seed money from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A vote was taken and it was unanimous that the seed money amount be increased to \$2,000, with the first distribution to be made to the 2018 Lindsey Family Reunion host committee.

President Willie noted that the bylaws will have to be amended to incorporate the above action, and the associated language voted on and approved at the next family reunion as part of the ratification process.

#### **Nomination Committee – Renee McMillan**

Renee McMillan was appointed as the chair of the nomination committee and gave the following report. She announced that all existing officers expressed an interest in remaining in their respective positions and no one else expressed an interest in any of the positions. It was also noted that in the absence of Sandra Davis she remains on the ballot for Historian.

#### **Elections – Willie Evans**

After completion of the Nomination Committee report, President Willie opened the floor for additional nominations for each position that resulted in no nominations coming from the floor. By common consent of all present, it was agreed that the Recording Secretary, Diana Gibson, would cast one ballot to formalize the election of officers for 2016 – 2018. The election results are as follows:

**President:** Willie Evans

**Vice President:** Melvin Lindsey

**Recording Secretary:** Diana Gibson

**Assistant Recording Secretary:** Vanise Lindsey

**Treasurer:** Gloria Nixon

**Financial Secretary:** Janice Jackson

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Leon Davis

**Chaplain:** Robert Ware

**Parliamentarian:** James Lindsey

**Historian:** Sandra Davis

#### **President's Final Remarks:**

President Willie highlighted quotes from "Mel's Corner" in the final addition of Lindsey Reunion Empowering Our Youth Newsletter, "Our reunions allow our youth to know their family tree, have ongoing support and everlasting connections." President Willie congratulated Melvin, Barbara, and Sarah on a successful reunion.

Chaplain Robert Ware gave the closing prayer. President Willie Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Willie Evans, President  
Lindsey Family Reunion, Inc.

Diana Gibson  
Recording Secretary

## FALLEN LEAVES

(In memory of our departed family members since the 2014 Family Reunion in Hartford, CT)

**Joe C. Lindsey** – December 2014: Joe was the son of Ozie and Lola Lindsey and the husband of Lillie B. Lindsey. Surviving children include Gloria Nixon, Janice Jackson, Calvin Lindsey, Edward Lindsey, and Melvin Lindsey.

**Lillie B. Lindsey** – February 2015: Passed at the glorious age of 92 and is the mother of Gloria Nixon, Melvin Lindsey, Janice Jackson, Edward Lindsey, Calvin Lindsey, and the late Betty Lindsey Kirkland and Joe Frederick Lindsey.

**Frank Lindsey** – February 2015: He was the son of Phyllis and Henry Lindsey, and is survived by brother Richard Lindsey and sisters Rosa Davis and Ruby Franklin.

**Eva Mae McLean** – April 2015: She was the daughter of Jacob and Lela Lee Lindsey, and the mother of Faye M. Ellis and Weldon McLean aka "Chip".

**Lisa Evans** – July 2015: Wife of Jerome Evans who is the grandson of Phyllis and Henry Lindsey.

**Agnes Craig Barksdale** – September 2015: Daughter of Ruby and Bill Reed, and granddaughter of Esther Lindsey McMillian and Tony McMillian. She was the sister to Willie James Reeds and Lorraine Love Brown.

**Ruby Lindsey Roberts** – October 2015: 94 years young, she was the sister of Benjamin, Charles, Henry Jr., Gloria, Coronet, and Ernestine.

**Betty Lindsey Kirkland** – January 2016: Daughter of Joe and Lillie Lindsey. She was the sister to surviving siblings Gloria Nixon, Janice Jackson, Calvin Lindsey, Edward Lindsey, and Melvin Lindsey.

**Shelton McLean** – March 2016: Shelton was the son of Weldon McLean, Jr., the grandson of the late Weldon and Eva Mae Lindsey McLean, the great-grandson of Jacob and Lela Lee Lindsey, and nephew of Fay M. Ellis.

**Joe Frederick (Sonny) Lindsey** – July 2016: Joe was the son of Joe and Lillie Lindsey, and brother to surviving siblings Gloria Nixon, Janice Jackson, Calvin Lindsey, Edward Lindsey, and Melvin Lindsey.

**James Solomon Lindsey** – January 2017: James is the son of JD and Josephine Lindsey. He leaves to cherish his children Michael and Wendy; four grandchildren, Brandon, Odessa, Rachel and Naomi, four great grandchildren and eight brothers and sisters.

**Barbara Ann Lindsey** – April 2017: Born June 20, 1962 to John Taylor and Fannie Mae Wilkins. She leaves to cherish precious memories her husband, Melvin Carnell Lindsey, daughter Sarah Vaughan Lindsey, August Kareem, Shardae Hope Lindsey, Debora Jean Pentecost (Thomas) and many others.



## Memorials and Amenities

My name is Edith Wright and I am the chair of the Memorial and Amenities Committee. As chair of this committee, I'm responsible for sending appropriate correspondence (i.e., card or flowers) on behalf of the Lindsey Family in cases of sickness, injury and/or death of a Lindsey family member, as well as to acknowledge the achievements and celebrations of our family members. In order for me to be successful at this job, I need your help. When you become aware of anyone who is ill, shut in, had surgery, in the hospital or have passed, please email the information to me at [ejw@windstream.net](mailto:ejw@windstream.net). If you do not have an email account, please feel free to call me (i.e., please leave a message if no answer) on my home phone at (919) 776-6063. This will allow me to followup as appropriate.

Thanking you in advance for your support.  
Edith Wright

## Lindsey Family Tree and Lindsey Family Directory

(From Edith Wright)

Dear Lindsey Family,

I'm working to help update both the Lindsey Family Tree and the Lindsey Family Directory. The family tree is a project that can only be accomplished with your HELP. We started with Jonas and Rosa Lindsey who begat Henry who then married Lulu. Genealogy is not my expertise; therefore, I need your assistance. If anyone has information on our family's history, please contact me.

In addition, as we get ready for our 2018 family reunion in Detroit, MI we need to ensure the contact information for all our family members is correct. If your contact information has changed or if you are aware of changes for other family members, please forward the updates to me as soon as possible. My contact information follows:

Edith Wright  
85 Lindsey Lane  
Sanford, NC 27330

Email: [ejw@windstream.net](mailto:ejw@windstream.net)  
Phone: (919) 776-6063

Finally, please complete and send the following information to me so we can make sure the information we have on file is accurate. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **Lindsey Family Reunion Information Profile**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_



## Family Nuptials



Congratulations to Jonathan and Denita Lindsey on their marriage in June 2015. Jonathan is the son of Marion and Anne Lindsey of Chicago, IL.



Congratulations to CJ Lindsey who married actress Rochelle Aytes in August 2016. We've seen Rochelle Aytes work her magic onscreen in *White Chicks*, *Madea's Family Reunion*, *Pebbles*, and her current starring role on ABC's *Mistresses*. CJ is the son of Charles and Kathy Lindsey of Highland Park, NJ.



Congratulations to Dexter Jackson, son of Janice Jackson, on his marriage to Lauren Mackensey Palmer in September 2016

## Scholarship Recipient Spotlight



***Celese Lindsey, 2015 Lindsey Family Scholarship Recipient***

Hello Lindsey Family, I would like to thank you all for your continued love and support throughout this exciting time in my life. I recently concluded my first year at Rutgers University, and I am very eager to start my second in the fall as a business major! In my first year I became very involved on campus quickly. In the fall of 2015, I was accepted into the Douglass Student Recruitment Network. In this organization, I recruit prospective high school senior women who have been accepted into the university, to join the Douglass Residential College for Women within Rutgers. In the Spring of 2016, I joined Rutgers Fashion Organization for Retail Marketing (FORM), where I had the opportunity to visit the Tiffany & Co. Headquarters to speak with their corporate staff. These are just a few moments of a year packed with new experiences, friendships, and fun! During the months of June and July, I was blessed to obtain a summer internship in Washington DC, as a legal intern for Levine, Blaszak, Block & Boothby LLP. I am very excited to start my sophomore year, and I look forward to challenging myself academically and become even more involved at Rutgers!



***Myles Lindsey, 2016 Lindsey Family Scholarship Recipient***

Myles is enrolled at West Virginia University and majoring in Sports Management.



***Donesha McMillan Lindsey, 2016 Lindsey Family Scholarship Recipient***

Donesha is enrolled at New Jersey Virginia University and has an interest in majoring in Early Childhood Development.



***Michael Nelson, 2016 Lindsey Family Scholarship Recipient***

Michael is attending the Institute for Audio Research in NY, NY.

**LINDSEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Dear Lindsey Family Member,

The Lindsey Family is committed to making a difference in the lives of our youth by offering scholarship opportunities to family members graduating from high school. Every year, the Lindsey Family Scholarship Committee will award two types of scholarship: (1) Lindsey Family Academic Excellence Scholarship - One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 to the applicant with the highest academic grade point average; and (2) Lindsey Family Scholarship - The dollar amount of this scholarship is \$300.00 and a total number of one up to three scholarships will be awarded in this category.

Attached is the Lindsey Family Scholarship Application with the eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria that will be considered in selecting the scholarship recipients. The deadline date for each year submission of scholarship applications to the Scholarship Chairperson is Midnight on April 30th. It's critical that this deadline is met in order to insure our scholarship recipients receive their scholarship payment from the Lindsey Family Treasurer during the beginning of the Fall Quarter/Semester.

Please share this opportunity to as many family members that you can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Gipson (Lindsey Family Scholarship Chairperson) at (201) 337-3533 or by email at [drqip265@aol.com](mailto:drqip265@aol.com), Gloria Nixon (Lindsey Family Treasurer) at (228) 326-1639 or by email at [gnixon@treasurebay.com](mailto:gnixon@treasurebay.com), Willie Evans (President) at (301) 535-0876 or [willieevans@comcast.net](mailto:willieevans@comcast.net).

God Bless,

*Willie E. Evans*

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President



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**(LINDSEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES)**

**A. Scholarship Awards.** Four scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- One Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) in the amount of \$500.00 to the applicant graduating from high school with the highest grade point average and plans to attend an accredited college, university or post-secondary school system (i.e., trade or vocational school).
- Up to three (3) Lindsey Family Scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 to the top applicants meeting the evaluation criteria specified below. The AES recipient noted above is not eligible for this award.

**B. Eligibility Requirements.** Lindsey family member that is a high school graduate who will be entering their first year in a post-secondary school system (i.e., college, university or trade/vocational school). **Proof of enrollment and registration must be provided to the Scholarship Chairperson before the scholarship payment can be made.**

**C. Extracurricular Activities and Awards.** In addition to the information requested on the front of the application, the applicant should describe in detail on a separate sheet of paper (do not just list) your level of involvement in extracurricular activities in your school and community and list any awards you might have received during the applicable school year. Include membership and office held in clubs, school and community organizations. **(Note: your response to this paragraph weighs heavily in the award decision.)**

**D. Evaluation Criteria:**

- \* **Grade point average (official copy of student's grades must be provided).**
- \* **Level of involvement in Church, School and Community Activities based on the information provided as required in paragraph b above.**

**E. SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**Lindsey Family Reunion Scholarship Program  
Attn: Diane Gipson, Scholarship Chairperson  
55 Lakeside Boulevard  
Oakland, NJ 07109**

**Telephone Number: (201) 337-3533**

**DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Lindsey Family Reunion 2018**

**Detroit, Michigan**

**July 26 – July 29, 2018**

**Celebrating 40 Years - At the place where it all started**

**Committee Chair: Yvonne Ware**

**Celebrating Family & Embracing our Roots** We will mark the anniversary of our first family reunion in Detroit MI. The host committee is honored to welcome you once again to the Motor City. We will work diligently to make your stay a most pleasurable one with lifetime memories. To provide the standard of service you are accustomed to and keeping cost in consideration.

The Marriot Detroit Renaissance Center has been chosen as the venue with a secured rate of \$139 + 15% tax at rate of 160 per night. When making your reservation request the Lindsey Family Reunion 2018 rate.

Or visit their website at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwdt-detroit-marriott-at-the-renaissance-center/>

**So get on board and spread the word. God Bless.**



## LINDSEY FAMILY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Catherine Thompson** of Illinois graduated from DeVry University with honors. She completed an accelerated B.A (Business Management/Entrepreneurship) that allowed her to finish in 2 years with a 3.85 GPA Magna Cum Laude She was also accepted into the National Honor Society & Future Leaders of America. Catherine also purchased her first property, a 4-6 unit corner brick building and she is currently completing rehabilitation on the home. Congrats Catherine!



**Sahara Gipson** of New Jersey has been doing outstanding work with the Temple University Owls. Click the link to see some highlights. Congratulations Sahara!

[http://owlsports.com/news/2016/1/10/WGYM\\_0110161427.aspx](http://owlsports.com/news/2016/1/10/WGYM_0110161427.aspx)



**Isaiah Huff** of Connecticut is on a full scholarship at Hampton University. He was previously playing Defensive Back at Milford Academy Prep School in New Berlin, NY. Where he was appointed team captain and was the team's leader on and off the field. He helped lead that team to an undefeated record of 5-0 record. Let's go Lindsey Families own, Isaiah Huff!!!! (Submitted by William McCann III)



**Tereck Christopher Lindsey**, the son of Derrick and Tina Lindsey of Detroit, Michigan, for being accepted to attend Morehouse College for Fall Semester 2017! Congratulations