

# LINDSEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## January 2019



**“Family in Love Tied Together...Today, Tomorrow, Forever”**

## Message from the President: Willie Evans



Dear Lindsey Family,

What a wonderful time had by all at the 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion held in Detroit, Michigan in July 2018. As you will see in the business meeting minutes and the Detroit Host Committee report included in this newsletter, it was a very memorable occasion. I was very humbled and pleasantly surprised to be recognized at the banquet and given a lovely memento. A shout-out of thanks to the Detroit Lindsey Family Reunion Committee in hosting a very successful and outstanding celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion. The theme for this year's reunion was an excellent depiction of what we experienced: **“Family in Love Tied Together...Today, Tomorrow, Forever.”** Members of the Detroit host committee were: Yvonne Ware, Robert Ware, Carolyn Andrews, Bevin Andrews, Gloria Wiley, Theresa Maxwell, Johnnie Maxwell, Sydney Maxwell, Ronee Merriweather, Christine Davis, Leon Davis, Khalil Davis, and Khalida Davis. The Detroit Marriott at the Riverside Renaissance Center was also a perfect location; matter of fact, this site was sufficient to adequately serve as the location for three other family reunions at the same time we were there. The Lindsey family has made significant strides in establishing a solid foundation to ensure the continued existence of the Lindsey Family Reunion concept for many years to come. For me personally, I have been inspired over the years by the overwhelming family spirit displayed at our family reunions, as well as the dedication and commitment shown by our family members as they volunteered and stepped up to take on various responsibilities as the need arose. The Lindsey family is truly blessed to have men and women of such character. Congratulations to all the officers and committee chairs that will continue their service and welcome to following first time officers: Vice President – Michael Lindsey, Historian – Clyde Crosby, and Parliamentarian – Marion Lindsey.

**To the entire Lindsey Family, I wish everyone a Happy New Year!**

Continued Blessings!!

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### Family Dues Reminder

As with most organizations, the foundation and essence for continued success is financial stability. Consequently, 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 online. Questions regarding dues can be directed to the Treasurer, Gloria Nixon, 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**

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### **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 follow-up as appropriate.

Thanking you in advance for your support.  
Edith Wright

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### **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 \_\_\_\_\_



### **Lindsey Family Scholarship Program**

Dear Lindsey Family Member,

We are continuing our commitment in making a difference in the lives of our youth by offering scholarship opportunities to family members graduating from high school. Each year, the family offers up to four monetary scholarships as described below:

- (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.

Congratulations to the following 2018 scholarship recipients:

Ted Closter, Jr. from Detroit, Michigan and the son of Tonesha and Ted Closter, Sr. Ted will be attending Michigan State University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Myles J. Ellis from Alpharetta, Georgia and the son of Faye and Carl Ellis. Myles will be attending Birmingham Southern College and majoring in Business Administration.

If you have any questions about the Lindsey Family Scholarship Program, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Gipson (Lindsey Family Scholarship Chair) at (973) 454-6181 or by email at [drqip265@aol.com](mailto:drqip265@aol.com), or Willie Evans (President) at (301) 535-0876 or [willieevans@comcast.net](mailto:willieevans@comcast.net).



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

**NAME:**

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<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>M.I.</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Number &amp; Street</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
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<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
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**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SAT/ACT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
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**STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAJOR/MINOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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's a high school graduate who will be entering their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 07436**

**Telephone Number: (973) 454-6181**

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

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

**(THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT APRIL 30)**

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## 2018 Lindsey Family Reunion Report

**Attendance:** Cookout – 100, Banquet – 92

The Detroit Committee began researching venues and activities two (2) years prior to the reunion which resulted in our securing 2016 hotel rates. We utilized the attendance from the two (2) previous reunions to try to determine how many participants (about 85). As a result of this being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the first return to Detroit in 39 years, we increased our anticipated attendance to 100. We suggest the following for future committees:

- All forms and communications sent via email and/or mail should be available via the family reunion website. This will assist with getting information to family members whose emails and/or addresses are not correct.
- Send and/or post (reunion website) an interest in attending/registration form during the initial planning stages/ASAP. The inquiry form should request names, ages and if hotel accommodations will be needed. This would assist with having more accurate number of participants to secure rates and hotel rooms blockage.
- The committee should request as much required information needed for securing activities, venues, etc. at time of registration. This would include menu/entrée selections if applicable, t-shirt sizes, and ages of participants. This committee did not request the menu selection for the banquet with the initial registration form which resulted in some attendees not providing us with the information by our required facility deadline.
- We did not seek assistance from the Family Reunion Youth Committee and think future committees should during the early stages of planning. We believe the Youth Committee's input/assistance would be an asset with getting the youth more involved with reunion activities/planning.
- We think having the business meetings are very important but should be held prior to the start of the activities. Having the meetings during the activities may prevent family members from participating in events scheduled/available during the time of the activity.
- Committee should verify what is included in the cost of venues. For example, the rental of the banquet ballroom did not include the podium, microphones, projector or video screen. Lighting and electrical set-up/labor was also an extra cost.
- Make sure all fees are calculated/included in T-Shirts costs for family members (i.e. screens, set-up, etc.). We did not include in the registration costs, believe this was best, as all participants did not order t-shirts.
- As a result of us experiencing slow payments and payments after vendor deadlines, we suggest registration payment be a minimum of 45 days prior to the family reunion. If possible, payment in increments could assist with preventing payments being received after required venue deadlines.
- We did not include individual banquet and picnic costs (ala carte) until requested. We suggest future committees do provide with initial registration; however, include if applicable "meet-in-greet reception" and breakfast costs.

- Once hotel costs have been secured, we strongly suggest family members reserve their rooms ASAP-at or before time of registration! Inform family members the hotel charges are not “held” on their credit cards (not necessary true with debit cards) until arrival and provide the cancellation requirements. We guaranteed 25 rooms and had to request additional rooms. The hotel had several events being held during our reunion and were hesitate to add the additional rooms.
- We believe the scholarship fundraiser and raffle were successful. Both generated enthusiasm during the reunion. The raffle helped to “offset” some of the unexpected costs.
- This committee also believes having a photographer (ours was a family member) at the reunion providing pictures and DVD was added welcome feature.
- We followed the steps outlined below provided by the 2010 Committee and found them to be a great guide.
  1. Open a checking account in the 2018 Lindsey Family Reunion
  2. Obtain seed money from the Executive Committee
  3. Establish contract with the hotel/restaurant
    - A. Block of rooms at a discount rate
    - B. Use of meeting room
    - C. Meals (Reception, Banquet, breakfast)
  4. Determine picnic location & Cost
  5. Secure bus for picnic, if applicable
  6. Design T-Shirts and determine cost
  7. Finalize agenda and registration – mail and email to family members
  8. Prepare the Banquet Program (Music, Menu) and local activities for entertainment
  9. Collect the money
  10. Collect the money
  11. Collect the money

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**25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion  
1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting  
Friday, 27 July 2018**

The 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 11:53 am on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Belle Isle Park in Detroit, Michigan.

The opening prayer was given by family Chaplain Robert Ware.

President Willie Evans made mention of the documents that were handed out as part of the agenda package. He noted that corrections to the documents would be made as necessary. The meeting agenda was adopted as presented.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

President Willie Evans: Present  
Vice President Melvin Lindsey: Present  
Recording Secretary Diana Gibson: Present

Financial Secretary Janice Jackson: Present  
Assistant Financial Secretary Leon Davis: Present  
Family Chaplain Robert Ware: Present



Assistant Recording Secretary Vanise B. Lindsey: Present      Parliamentarian (Vacant)  
Treasurer Gloria Nixon: Present      Historian Carletta Montgomery: Present

**Reading of Minutes** from the 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting was conducted by Vanise Lindsey. No changes noted and the minutes were approved as presented.

**Reading of Minutes** from the 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting was conducted by Diana Gibson. The minutes were approved with one correction deleting Sandra Davis as Historian under election results.

**Treasure's Report** – Gloria Nixon

Gloria gave a review of the Lindsey Annual Financial Report for 2016 – 2018, which was included as part of the agenda package. A summary of the family's financial position follows:

Bank balance brought forward July 1, 2016 - \$7,046.25

Bank balance as of June 30, 2018 - \$5,599.36

President Willie Evans reminded everyone that family dues in the amount of \$25.00 are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year or \$50.00 at the time of the reunion. He also stated that dues are the primary income source for providing seed money to the Reunion Host Committee. Regarding scholarship funding, family members are required to make a minimum contribution of \$10.00 bi-annually towards the family scholarship program.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship** – Diane Gipson

Only one scholarship recipient, Myles Ellis, had been identified for the 2018 school year. Myles is the son of Carl and Faye Ellis of Alpharetta, GA, grandson of Eva Mae Lindsey McLean, and the great grandson of the late Jacob and Lela Lindsey. Myles is an accomplished athlete in football, track and field. His many accomplishments are posted on Facebook. It was noted that Facebook is a great way to stay connected.

Diane stated that everyone who applied for a scholarship in the last five years received them. We are not receiving a lot of applications, so those that do apply receive a scholarship. It is important to include as much information as possible. Follow up calls are made to receive the much needed information before the application can be submitted for payment by the Treasurer.

She reminded everyone that up to four scholarships can be awarded each year, and that no applications were received for the 2017 school year.

President Willie Evans stated how committed Diane is. She does all she can do to receive the documents and have them processed in a timely manner.

For clarity, there are four scholarships available yearly for graduating high school seniors: one Academic Excellence Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00, and up to three scholarships in the amount of \$300.00.

Danielle Holly suggested that scholarships be made available for those attending post graduate classes.

President Willie Evans referenced what is in the bylaws regarding scholarships. There has been discussion about scholarship money that is still available after the June 30<sup>th</sup> cutoff date. It will be added to New Business for the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

**Family Tree** – Carletta Montgomery/Edith Wright

Edith stated that Beverly Lewis started the ply wood tree. In the beginning we used to bring it to the reunions. We are an ever-growing family and all the names cannot fit. Renee McMillan interviewed her family members and received all of their names. Each of us can interview our family starting with the oldest member to get as much information as possible.

Edith noted that Henry Sr. and Lula had 12 children and we all fall under their branch. At least 12 volunteers are needed from each branch of the family tree to fill in the names. We want to leave a heritage of information for the next generation.

#### **Family Directory – Edith Wright**

The family directory has been continuously worked on over the years. There are 312 names on the current list. A copy will be available at every meeting for updates and appropriate corrections. It was asked that everyone print corrections clearly. The importance for having correct information to reduce returned mailings by Host Committees was emphasized.

#### **Memorial & Amenities – Edith Wright**

There was a list of eight fallen leaves since June 2016 (included in the agenda packet). \*Two more were added to update the current list. Those listed follows:

1. January 23, 2017\* James Lindsey of Detroit, MI
2. April 1, 2017\* Barbara Ann Wilkins Lindsey of San Clemente, CA
3. May 22, 2017 Theadious Rankins of Detroit, MI
4. June 8, 2017 Rev. Lillian Streeter of Baltimore, MD
5. August 17, 2017 Rebecca Davis of Detroit, MI
6. September 12, 2017 Raynell Lindsey of Hartford, CT
7. October 6, 2017 Timothy Wayne Lindsey of Sanford. NC
8. February 12, 2018 Margie Lindsey (wife of JC) of Detroit, MI
9. April 30, 2018 John C. (JC) Lindsey of Detroit, MI
10. June 30, 2018 Benjamin Lindsey of Brooklyn, NY

Family Chaplain Robert Ware prayed for the families who lost loved ones since the last reunion.

#### **Lindsey Family Website/Newsletter – Karamoko Andrews**

Karamoko asked the family to raise their hands if they visited the family website? There were very few responses. Karamoko reported that there is bi-annual cost of \$25.00 for the website and \$200.00 for the software used to update the website.

In August 2017, the layout changed to a more global friendly platform for all types of phones. A PayPal link was added to allow for reunion registration. Karamoko noted that the link needs to be tweaked to add the PayPal fee as a separate charge when making payment online because currently the fee automatically deducted reducing the amount that should be collected by the Host Committee. It is planned to have a link to allow for scholarship payments online.

Karamoko stated that the 2020 Host Committee can start forwarding him information so he can add it to the website.

The Newsletter has been posted to the website since 2008. The 2018 Newsletter will be uploaded by the end of the summer. Once a quarter is the standard frequency for the posting of the Newsletter on the website. Karamoko asked if the frequency can be amended and discussed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting. Content of the Newsletter is based upon the information sent to him via phone or email. His email address is: [KaramokoAndrews@yahoo.com](mailto:KaramokoAndrews@yahoo.com) or send a message via the Lindsey website: [LindseyFamilyReunion.org](http://LindseyFamilyReunion.org).

**2016 Lindsey Family Reunion Recap – Vanise Lindsey/Melvin Lindsey**

A letter recapping the 2016 Lindsey Family Reunion that was submitted by Melvin and Barbara Lindsey in October 2016 was read by Vanise Lindsey. Melvin Lindsey then stated how important the Lindsey family was to his wife Barbara. With her battling cancer, it became very important for her to host this reunion. She admired how our reunions were so organized. Melvin also made mention that she was a very special person who loved the Lindsey Family.

**2020 Lindsey Family Reunion Update – Danielle Holly**

The reunion will be held in Philadelphia, PA. She is still looking for a hotel and is hoping to have an air-conditioned family outing location. She frequents our family website and said it is an excellent source of giving and receiving information. She will utilize it hoping to get family input on activities such as casinos, local area fun, get together for the youth, babysitters, etc.

**Unfinished Business – Willie Evans**

President Willie Evans stated that the change to the bylaws increasing the amount of seed money to family host committees from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 is still being worked on. The plan is to distribute the revised bylaws for the family’s review at least 30 days prior to next reunion to allow for the vote to be taken at the next reunion in accordance with the bylaws.

**New Business**

**Bids for 2022/2024 Family Reunion – Willie Evans**

Shanae Plummer volunteered to host the 2024 reunion with Karamoko Andrews at Virginia Beach, VA. The 2024 reunion will be discussed further at the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting. No bids were received for hosting the 2022 reunion. There was mention of going to Pensacola, FL but there was no representative present. Further discussion of the 2022 reunion was tabled until the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

**Nomination for Family Officers – Willie Evans**

President Willie Evans stated that the complete list of Officers Duties and Responsibilities are included in the agenda packet. It was announced that Diane Gipson was appointed as the Nominating Committee chair and she will be reaching out to persons to be nominated for the various elected officer positions.

**Family Introductions & Announcements for the Good of the Family – Family**

Tabled until the 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting due to time constraints.

**Administrative Remarks – Carolyn Andrews**

Carolyn Andrews welcomed the family and was grateful for the turnout of family members. She noted that inside the family reunion package was a tri-fold for Belle Isle Park listing the park’s amenities and anything not experienced today the family member will have time tomorrow to accomplish it. She also mentioned that there an ice cream truck that will be available until 2:30 pm and will be passing out fireman hats. Carolyn also reminded everyone that their banquet meal ticket was in their reunion package and must be brought with them to the banquet that will start at 6:15pm.

**Closing Prayer – Family Chaplain Robert Ware**

**President Willie Evans adjourned the meeting at 1:19 pm.**

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

**Vanise B. Lindsey**  
Assistant Recording Secretary



**25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting  
Saturday, 28 July 28 2018**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Family Reunion was called to order by President Willie Evans at 10:28 am on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Granite City Restaurant located at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. The meeting opened with prayer by family Chaplain Robert Ware. President Willie Evans stated that he did not have any opening remarks and that he wanted to finalize the committee reports.

**Meeting Attendance:**

<b>Alabama</b>		<b>Maryland</b>		<b>New Jersey Con't</b>	
Arrissie Evans	Hoover, AL	Willie Evans	Clinton, MD	Earnestine Brookins	Elizabeth, NJ
<b>Arizona</b>		<b>Michigan</b>		Geneva Brookins	Elizabeth, NJ
Melissa Andrews	Phoenix, AZ	Bevin Andrews	Detroit, MI	Gloria Thompson	Jersey City, NJ
Shomari Andrews	Phoenix, AZ	Carolyn Andrews	Detroit, MI	Henry Lindsey	Jersey City, NJ
<b>California</b>		Christine Davis	Detroit, MI	Kathryn Lindsey	Highland Park, NJ
Melvin Lindsey	San Clemente, CA	Gloria Wiley	Detroit, MI	Michael Lindsey	Franklinville, NJ
Sarah Lindsey	San Clemente, CA	Johnnie Maxwell	Detroit, MI	Renee McMillan	Piscataway, NJ
<b>Connecticut</b>		Khalida Davis	Detroit, MI	Sharon Thompson	Jersey City, NJ
Cedric Lindsey	Lebanon, CT	Khalil Davis	Detroit, MI	<b>New York</b>	
Clyde Crosby	Hartford, CT	Leon Davis	Detroit, MI	Alex Lakhanpal	New York, NY
Diana Gibson	Hartford, CT	Robert Ware	Detroit, MI	Clauzell Lindsey	Brooklyn, NY
Doris Crosby	Hartford, CT	Rosa Lee Davis	Detroit, MI	Karamoko Andrews	Brooklyn, NY
Elaine Crosby	Hartford, CT	Sandra Davis	Detroit, MI	Nadine Lindsey	Brooklyn, NY
Joann Lindsey	Windsor, CT	Sydney Maxwell	Detroit, MI	Vanise Lindsey	Brooklyn, NY
Shanae Plummer	Hartford, CT	Theresa Maxwell	Detroit, MI	Zakiya Lakhanpal	New York, NY
<b>Georgia</b>		<b>Mississippi</b>		<b>North Carolina</b>	
Carletta Montgomery	McDonough, GA	Gloria Nixon	Biloxi, MS	Arlela Wright	Sanford, NC
Roy Montgomery	McDonough, GA	<b>Missouri</b>		Barbara Overstreet	Sanford, NC
Janice Jackson	Thomasville, GA	Elaine Lindsey	Rockville, MO	Edith Wright	Sanford, NC
Wendell Evans	McDonough, GA	<b>New Jersey</b>		Faith Paige-Moss	Clayton, NC
<b>Illinois</b>		Corinet Deas	East Orange, NJ	Tia Overstreet	Clayton, NC
Anne Lindsey	Chicago, IL	Charles Lindsey	Highland Park, NJ		
Catherine Thompson	Chicago, IL	Danielle Holly	Florence, NJ	<b>Tennessee</b>	
Michael Johnson	Chicago, IL	Diane Gipson	Oakland, NJ	August Lindsey	Knoxville, TN

**Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Leaves: (Edith Wright)**

Edith Wright provided an update of fallen leaves since our 24<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada in July 2016.

January 23, 2017: James Lindsey of Detroit, Michigan

April 1, 2017: Barbara Ann Wilkins Lindsey of San Clemente, California

May 22, 2017: Theadious Rankins of Detroit, Michigan

June 8, 2017: Reverend Lillian Streeter of Baltimore, Maryland

August 17, 2017: Rebecca Davis of Detroit, Michigan

September 12, 2017: Raynell Lindsey of Windsor, Connecticut

October 6, 2017: Timothy Wayne Lindsey of Sanford, North Carolina

February 12, 2018: Margie Lindsey of Detroit, Michigan

April 30, 2018: John Calvin "JC" Lindsey of Detroit, Michigan

June 30, 2018: Benjamin Lindsey of Brooklyn, New York

### **Family Directory: (Edith Wright)**

Edith Wright stressed the importance for everyone to review the family directory and make changes as necessary. President Willie Evans emphasized that the review resulting in corrected information will be especially helpful for the host committee. Updated e-mail and mailing addresses, as well as adding information on any family member that may be missing from the directory was requested.

### **Family Tree: (Edith Wright)**

Edith Wright presented the family tree and requested a family representative from each limb of the tree to stand when called.

**Jonas & Rosa**



**Georgia – Lula – Henry – Ben – Emma**



**David – Melvina – Cicero -Roberta – Jacob - Herman – Henry Jr – Esther – Charlie – JD – Ozzie – Mattie**

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. **Lindsey Family Newsletter**
2. **Scholarship Program**

### **Lindsey Family Newsletter – Karamoko Andrews**

The frequency of the newsletter was questioned, and President Willie Evans and Karamoko Andrews agreed to discuss and come up with a plan.

### **Scholarship – Diane Gipson**

Diane Gipson reported that only one application for 2017-2018 was received. During the family cookout, two more high school graduates were identified.

For information purposes, President Willie Evans explained the particulars of the family's scholarship program:

Each year, the Lindsey Family awards **two types of scholarships** that are available to graduating high school family members who continue their education:

- 1) **Lindsey Family Academic Excellent Scholarship** – One scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500 to the applicant with the highest academic grade point average.
- 2) **Lindsey Family Scholarship** – One up to three scholarships is/are awarded in the amount of \$300.

### **Open Scholarship discussion/thoughts:**

\*Focus will be for graduating high school students.

\*Since the application submissions are low, should we consider college students who have already received a Lindsey Family Scholarship?

\*If there are no high school applications received and we exhaust all efforts, could we then consider undergraduate and graduate students?

\*Should the Scholarship Chairperson follow up with students whom she is aware are graduating from high school? (She already follows up for any missing information once she receives the application and continues until she has all the required information.)

\*We should not have to follow up with students; they should be responsible; it's a learning experience.

A motion was made by Michael Lindsey and seconded that the scholarship committee draft a proposal to include criteria for both high school and college students to receive financial assistance from the family and present it at the next family reunion in 2020. The motion passed.

It was noted by Catherine Thompson that Facebook and other Social Media would be a great communication tool for the Lindsey Family Reunion.

### **Future Reunion Locations:**

**2020** – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania hosted by Danielle Holly and Diane Gipson. Danielle stated that plans are underway for a great family reunion. She has already started to look at hotels.

**2022** – Pensacola, Florida hosted by William Franklin and Carletta Montgomery.

**2024** – Virginia Beach, Virginia hosted by Shanae Plummer and Karamoko Andrew.

### **Family Recognitions:**

#### **Oldest and Youngest Family Members attending the family reunion:**

Oldest: Rosa Lee Davis - age 98.

Youngest: Faith Paige-Moss (Tia Overstreet's daughter) - age 4.

#### **New Family Member:**

Melissa Andrews (Married Shomari Andrews, son of Bevin and Carolyn Andrews, on June 25, 2017)

#### **Attending the family reunion for the first time:**

Wendell Evans (President Willie Evans's younger brother)

### **Family Introductions:**

Family members introduced themselves. Some highlights:

Diane Gipson – Her daughter Sahara Gipson graduated from Temple University.

Danielle Holly – She is enrolled in a doctoral program. Her son is an excellent baseball player at such a young age.

Edith Wright – She has earned a Medical Billing & Coding Certificate.

Leon Davis – Asked that we keep his business in prayer.

Henry Lindsey III – His granddaughter is a top volleyball player.

Anne Lindsey – Prayerful that her grandson gets into Xavier University in New Orleans.

Renee McMillian – She has an eight-month old granddaughter.

Gloria Nixon – Melvin and Barbara hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada. It meant a lot to Barbara to host the family reunion again. It is something she really wanted to do.

Sandra Davis – We have an amazing family. Family Members are thriving and we don't always know. For example, Zakiya Lakhanpal's husband Alex. Sandra suggested that we research him. We should have a family archive. We have mentorship resources and we should have a business directory (opportunities to open doors for others).

### **Nominations and Elections:**

Diane Gipson was appointed chair of the Nominating Committee and gave her report of the nominees received for each elected officer position:

President - Willie Evans (Incumbent)  
Vice President - No Nominee  
Recording Secretary - Diana Gibson (Incumbent)  
Assistant Recording Secretary - Vanise Lindsey (Incumbent)  
Treasurer - Gloria Nixon (Incumbent)  
Financial Secretary - Janice Jackson (Incumbent)  
Assistant Financial Secretary - Leon Davis (Incumbent)  
Chaplain - Robert Ware (Incumbent)  
Historian - No Nominee  
Parliamentarian - No Nominee

After the Nominating Committee's report, President Willie Evans opened up the floor for nominations and the only nomination received was Michael Lindsey for the position of Vice President. Nominations closed resulting in only one person nominated for each position except the two vacant positions (Historian and Parliamentarian). As a result, the nominees were elected to their respective positions by acclamation, which was the unanimous consent of the body. After elections were completed, President Willie Evans stated that the two vacant positions will be filled by appointment in accordance with the bylaws.

During closing remarks, President Willie Evans congratulated the Detroit, Michigan host committee on the great job they had done in hosting the reunion. On behalf of the host committee, Gloria Wiley reminded everyone to bring their meal ticket to the banquet.

Chaplain Robert Ware gave the closing prayer. President Willie Evans adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Diana Gibson**  
Recording Secretary

## **2018 – DETROIT RE-CAP**

The Detroit Marriott at the Riverside Renaissance Center was also a perfect location. It was also the host location for three other family reunions.

On Saturday at the cookout on Belle Isle State Park, there was another Lindsey family having their cookout directly across from our site. We shared information with some of their family members and exchanged contact info as we plan to do some research to see if they are members of one of the branches on our family tree. Our business meetings were successful as we had new elected officials. The banquet was held at the Renaissance Center. The future reunion locations were determined as:

2020 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania hosted by Danielle Holly and Diane Gipson

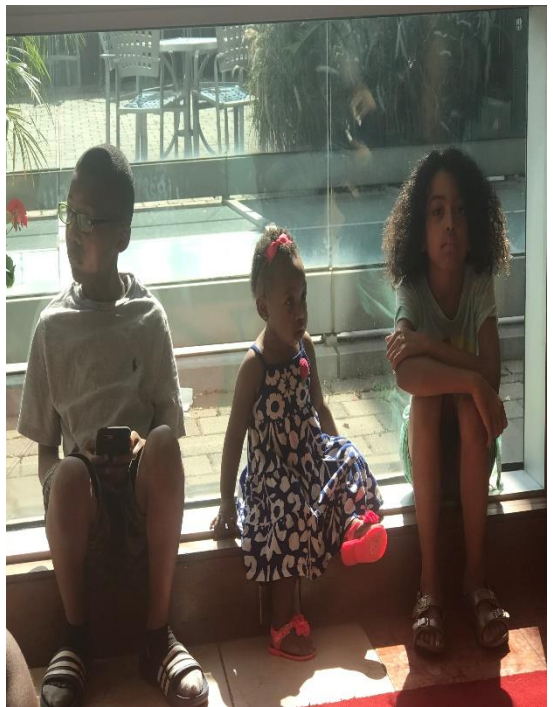
2022 - Pensacola, Florida hosted by William Franklin and Carletta Montgomery

2024 - Virginia Beach, Virginia hosted by Shanae Plummer and Karamoko Andrews

Thank you Detroit 2018 Planning Committee for a great reunion! Below are pictures from the event. Special shout-out to Ronee Merriweather for providing the family photos. You may contact her at [Roneecvisuals@gmail.com](mailto:Roneecvisuals@gmail.com) to purchase the family photos.





















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#### Message from the Editor

Hello family, I hope that you have enjoyed this edition of our family newsletter. If you have any additional pictures from our last reunion or wish to send any written submissions, feel free to email them to me at [Karamokoandrews@yahoo.com](mailto:Karamokoandrews@yahoo.com) and I will post them online and/or in our next newsletter. Lastly, don't forget to visit our family website [www.LindseyFamilyReunion.com](http://www.LindseyFamilyReunion.com) where information for **Philadelphia 2020** will be featured.

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Karamoko Andrews