

The Woods Family Reunion

"If you want to know the end, look at the beginning" African Proverb

Sept. 10, 2023

Greetings Family,

We hope this letter finds you well and in good health. For those of you who were able to join us in Houston, TX, it was wonderful to see you all face-to-face and feel the love. With this being our first in-person reunion since 2019, it was really special. Those of you who were unable to make it, please start planning now for 2024. Thank you again to our hosts, Gwen and Butch Johnson!!

Family Meeting Recap –

- During the family meeting, the first order of business was to fill the vacant Vice President position. Sharon Echols (St. Louis, MO), was elected unanimously.
 - As a reminder, the members of the **Elected Executive Board** must have a direct bloodline to the Jack Pickett Woods clan – see below for example:
 - President – Monroe Woods (descendant of Eph Woods)
 - Vice President – Sharon Echols (descendant of (Rosie Bell Woods-Morrow)
 - Secretary – Rosemary Sullivan (descendant of David Woods)
 - Treasurer – Barbara Chatman (descendant of David Woods)
 - At this time let me also introduce the **Family Reunion Committee**:
 - All members of the Elected Executive Board mentioned above, and
 - Romonia Miller (descendant of Rosie Bell Woods-Morrow)
 - Valerie Torres (descendant of Rosie Bell Woods-Morrow)
 - Crystal Holloway-Ware (descendant of Rosie Bell Woods-Morrow)
 - Gwen Johnson (descendant of Eph Woods)
 - Wanda Glenn (descendant of Rosie Bell Woods-Morrow)
 - Latasha Woods-Hicks (descendant of Ernest Woods)
 - Mark Ramey (descendant of David Woods)
- It did not go unnoticed that many of our younger family members were not in attendance. Traditionally our reunion has been held the 2nd weekend of August. Changing the date of the family reunion was discussed and voted on. **The new date of the family reunion going forward will be the 3rd weekend in July.**
- With new reunion date chosen the topic of future reunion locations was discussed. The locations are as follows:
 - July 19th – 21st2024 Cincinnati, OH Host: Mark and Lisa Ramey
 - July 2025 Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
 - July 2026 Atlanta, GA (tentative)
- **Our Secretary is ill and was not able to attend the meeting in Houston. We are pleased to announce that Wanda Glenn has agreed to serve as Interim Assistant Secretary of the Woods Family Reunion.**
- We want to continue to grow our reunion and solicit involvement from all family members, including our youth and young adults. **WE WANT YOU AND WE NEED YOU!**
- We look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati in 2024! More information coming later.

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