

NBDA Senior Citizens Program 2014 NBDA Black Deaf Senior Citizens REUNION NEWSLETTER

2014 NBDA Reunion Sea Mist Resort Myrtle Beach, SC





During September 11-14, 2014, the NBDA Senior Citizens Program hosted their 2nd NBDA Black Deaf Senior Citizens Reunion at the beautiful Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The NBDA Board of Directors conducted their business meeting during Friday and Saturday. Attending the business meeting were Benro Ogunyipe and Sharon, co-chairs of the upcoming 2015 NBDA National Conference that will take place in Louisville, KY during August 4-9, 2015.



The reunion committee were: Thomas Samuels (NYC), Director of the NBDA Senior Citizens Program and reunion chair, Jerry Webster (MD), Reunion Treasurer, Cynthia LaCour (LA), Registration Chair, Beth Williams (LA), Registration Assistant, Carlton West (VA), Transportation Chair, Edwin King (VA), Prayer Vigil Coordinator, Andrew Robertson, (MD) Photography, Delores Radford (CA), Gen-

eral Assistant, Jeanette Webster (MD), Hospitality, Glenford and Cynthia Miller (VA), General Assistant.

Free airport/hotel transportation was provided by the NBDA Senior Citizens Program and also for those who didn't have transportation to Myrtle Beach State Park on Friday for our tradition BBQ cookout and a trip to the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and Promenade.

An ASL/Deaf Culture session was provided on Thursday for hotel receptions, food services, and administrations. Many attendees were surprise to see some of them use some of the signs that they learned such as 'hello', 'good morning', 'your name', 'thank you', and food signs during serving dinner during Saturday evening such as 'chicken' and 'fish', 'coffee', 'tea'. After the reunion, we received a special message from Sea Mist Resort congratulating us on having a successful reunion and they are looking forward to having us again in the future.

ASL Session for Administration & Staffs



Registration Co<mark>mm</mark>ittee at Work



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Welcom<mark>e R</mark>eception

The welcome reception was held in an outdoor area called the '*Live Oak Deck*', a beautiful tree lined site. The reception open with a warm welcome from Samuels, reunion chair and Patrick Robinson, NBDA President. Everyone introduced them self and gave a brief outline of their background. Edwin King the Prayer Vigil coordinator gave a description of the Prayer Vigil, those who we will honor, and where the Prayer Vigil it will be held.

Special thanks were given to Celeste Owens-Samuels and others who help created and served refreshment such as sandwiches, salad, fruits, and a list various beverages.



Breakfast at Tína's

Special buffet breakfast coupons were given to those who made room reservation at the Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort under the NBDA special room discount rate that included; bacon, eggs, waffle, pancake, sausage, bagel, muffin, coffee, tea, fruits, and a list of other breakfast items. Also a 'made to order cook' was available to prepare Pancake, Waffle, French Toast, Eggs, Omelet the way you request. The casher and waitresses who provided us with friendly and excellent services were mostly senior citizens.



Waiting for Transporta<mark>tion</mark> to Myrtle Beach Park





















































BBQ Time!!!











12 Years a Slave is a 2013 epic historical drama film and an adaptation of the 1853 slave narrative memoir Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup, a New York State-born freeAfrican-American man who was kidnapped in Washington, D.C., in 1841 and sold intoslavery. Northup worked on plantations in the state of Louisiana for twelve years before his release. Of the four, Magnolia is nearest to the actual plantation where Northup was held.

The film won three Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress for Nyong'o, and the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplayfor Ridley. The Best Picture win made McQueen the first black producer ever to have received the award and the first black director to have directed a Best Picture winner. - by Wikipedia



National Black Deaf Advocates Board Meeting





Special Thanks for Photography Services



Andrew

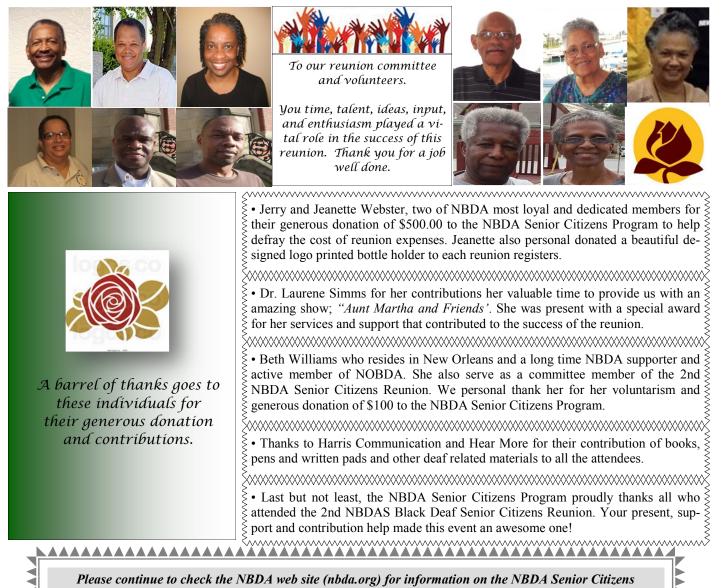


Robertson

Andrew Robertson is not only a deduction committee member but also volunteers to photograph our reunion. Photography has been a prominent part of his life since he graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology. He is best known for his articulate colorful and black and white pictures that capture the unique spirit his photography work. He is also recognized for taking professional-quality photos of Gala Banquets, Dance Events, Photo Manipulation, and Individual Photography. He has a love for creating amazing images and capturing moments that others appreciate.

Most of the photos from this newsletter as well as other photos that were taken during the 2nd Black Deaf Senior Citizens Reunion can be purchased via the Andrew Robertson Photography website: <u>http://andrew-robertson.smugmug.com/Existing-Pictures-Folders/Old-NBDA-Gallery/NBDA-Senior-Citizens/SC-page</u>. To view a list of photo, type in Andrew's web site address or cut and paste it. When viewing the main page, click on each of the 3 photos to view all the photos. For more information, you can contact Andrew at: Email: aorleansman@aol.com = VP: 240-292-6800.

Heartfelt Thanks to the Reunion Committee



Program's activities during the 2015 NBDA National Conference in Louisville, KY and other announcements.