

Black Deaf Senior Citizens NEWSLETTER

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Black Deaf Senior Citizens Reunion - 2011

**- ALL ROOMS SOLD OUT!!! -
Rooms at Residence Inn-Convention Center
is sold out!!!!**

Dear Members and Friends,

The NBDA Senior Citizens Program will host a reunion event in Orlando, Florida for past and present senior citizens members and non-members of the Black Deaf community. The purpose of this reunion is to bring all Black Deaf seniors citizens together to learn about our history and culture and make unforgettable memories that we all can treasure, We hope this reunion will provide the opportunity for others to create a network of friends and re-establish a stronger bond among old and new friends. Our reunion theme is: *"Coming together To Do More, Learn More, and Live More"*

The reunion will be held October 13 - 16, 2011 at the Residence Inn-Orlando Convention Center 8800 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819 (Phone: 866-318-6343). Our welcome reception will take place Thursday night and variety of topics relating to our history and culture will take place Friday and Saturday night. For you to enjoy. On Saturday, we will have an all day BBQ cookout that will be held at the beautiful Turkey Lake Park which is only a 15 minute drive from the hotel. For those who will need transportation to and from the park, we are working with a private bus company to provide bus services. We are also working with a company that would provide us with a special discount rate from the airport to the hotel for individuals who will be traveling by air. We will keep you updated via the NBDA web site (nbda.org). We encourage you to check the website from time to time for future information on transportation or other reunion related news or feel free to email us (seniors@nbda.org or gamsenior@verizon.net) for any questions you may have.

Attention!!!

We have been informed by the Residence Inn-Orlando Convention Center that the entire block of rooms is 'sold out completely'. Another block of rooms at the Springhill Suites with Kings and Queens bedrooms will be available at the special reduced rate of \$89.00 per night. The Springhill Suites is located next to Residence Inn-Orlando Convention Center and is within walking distance. Rooms at the Springhill Suites are limited, we encourage those who have not yet made their room reservation to do so ASAP. The Springhill Suites Orlando Convention Center is located at 8840 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL. 32819. To make your reservation call 407-345 9073 and tell them you are with the NBDA Group.

We need your help!

To have a successful reunion, we need to know in advance the approximately number of people who are planning to attend this reunion. Some people have made their room reservation but have not paid their registration fee. For those who plan to attend and have not paid their registration fee, please send your registration fee ASAP to Betty M. Henderson, 151 S. Bishop Ave, Secane, Pa. 19018-1968 along with your email address, VP number, and your t-shirt size. No registration will be accepted after September 19, 2011 and absolutely no registration will be accepted at the door. Please!!!! ...don't wait until the deadline date (September 19, 2011) to send us your registration fee (\$65.00). Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

We hope to have our next newsletter release on the NBDA web site (nbda.org) during the first two weeks of September. Please check that website for updated information on the reunion. For those who may have question related to the reunion, email us at seniors@nbda.org or gam-

Registration deadline date - Monday, September 19, 2011

**NO REGISTRATION (\$65.00) WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE DATE AND NO
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A Walk Down Memory Lane

Black Deaf History Night will take place Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Residence Inn with interviews, panel, and forum. A number of selected senior citizens will share unforgettable memories of their past. Also, Ms. Ida Hampton (former Ida Grey) who was the first Black Deaf female to graduate from Gallaudet College will be one of our special guests. She will share her experience as a Black Deaf Student at Gallaudet during the 50's. The highlight of this evening will be a panel of senior citizens individuals who were born during the 20's, 30's, and 40's. They will share with the audience what life was like for them during those years. A question and answer session will follow which will give the audiences the opportunity to ask related question.

Our reunion committee wishes everyone an enjoyable summer!

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