



ROSENWALD-HARLANITES, INC.

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Dear Harlanite,

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The Executive Committee of the **Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc.** is proud to extend this invitation to the 19th Bi-annual Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia on July 24-27, 2008 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Convention Center. The **RHI** is a national alumni association that was organized in 1969, incorporated in 1976 and obtained 501c3 non-profit status in 2002. The purpose of the organization is to maintain the relationship bond among faculty, staff, students and families of the Rosenwald High School in Harlan County, Kentucky and provide scholarships to higher education institutions for their descendants. A downloadable copy of the scholarship application is on our website.

Revenue is generated through membership dues and monetary donations. Members help support this organization and are assured current communications. Over sixty scholarships, ranging from \$600 to \$2500, have been awarded annually between 1977 and 2007. We've erected a monument in Harlan to mark the spot where the *Rosenwald School* was located and started a brick building project. Bi-annual reunions provide an occasion to celebrate the legacy of the *Rosenwald School* and all that it meant to the black citizens of Harlan County. In the early 1900's, they raised \$500 to match an educational grant secured by the Harlan County Board of Education to construct a two-room "Colored School" to provide a free education for their children. The Rosenwald School became the center of social activity for the black community in Harlan and the surrounding counties. Most of our original members of RHI are aged or deceased so the future of this organization depends on interest from our youth. Thus, the Atlanta Reunion is dedicated to the family and the Rosenwald legacy. Families are encouraged to come to the reunion and share the Rosenwald experience with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The registration package that includes discounted room rates at a five-star hotel in the middle of downtown Atlanta (savings of over \$40/night), three (3) hot meals, two (2) nights of *high-tech* entertainment to capture the interest of our youth, a RHI T-shirt to wear on bus tours of Atlanta, a memorial/worship service, and a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund. Additionally, the Dayton Chapter is sponsoring a 55-passenger tour bus trip from Dayton to Atlanta at \$80/person. There are two scheduled pick-ups in Lexington and Corbin, KY. The bus is expected to arrive in Atlanta on the July 25, around 9:00 AM. Registration materials are enclosed. They are also available on our website.

Note the following important dates

- The cut-off date for the block of discount hotel rooms in the name of the Rosenwald Harlanites is **June 24, 2008**.
- The cut off date for pre-paid Adult Registrations with personal checks is **June 30, 2008**.
- The cut-off date for pre-paid Adult Registrations with money orders is **July 15, 2008**.
- On-site Adult Registration will be available with a pre-paid, non-refundable deposit of \$100 or more.

It has come to the Board's attention that there are several Harlanites that do not receive communication materials from national and don't know how to make the connection. We want to reach this group of people and need your help.

Everyone should know that there are no restrictions on membership to the Rosenwald Harlanites organization. All we need is a name and a current mailing address. We will provide you with a membership application and tell you how you can become an active participant in national and/or local affairs.

National membership requires a \$30 annual donation, which is requested within the first three - six months of the year (January – June) in order to benefit the scholarship fund that is used to distribute annual scholarships every July. A membership application form is included in this registration package and is also available on our website. Any graduating high school senior with connections to a Rosenwald Harlanite who've applied for admission to a higher education institution is eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Local dues are established by the local chapters. There are local Chapters in Harlan, Lexington and Louisville, KY, Atlanta and Macon, GA; Detroit, MI, Indianapolis, IN; Chicago, IL; Washington, DC; and Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, OH.

Representatives from the local chapters are elected to the National Executive Committee. This year, we will elect new officers to the national board. In order to participate in a national election, one must be a dues paid member for at least thirty days before the elections.

As stated earlier, the Atlanta Reunion is dedicated to the family. We want families to come and bring their children. We also want to increase the amount of funds available for the scholarship fund. Since we have received 501c3 tax-exempt, non-profit status, we are eligible for corporate giving. If you have connections with a corporation, foundation or individual who supports education and youth activities, please contact Phyllis Kennedy by mail or email. If you or someone you know writes grants and are interested in helping with this aspect of fund raising, please contact Phyllis Kennedy.

Our Reunion Fundraiser is a Souvenir Program Booklet that will be distributed at the Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Reunion. A copy of the Fundraiser form is included in this registration package. You will note that the ads are very inexpensive. Please buy one for your deceased family members and sell some to local businesses or collect contributions to establish a patron list. We need to establish new sources of revenue to keep this organization viable. We also need workers to help in a variety of ways. Submit your membership application now and make this a Rosenwald Year! Plan to attend the Atlanta Reunion. Contact your friends and relatives and let them know about the reunion and call for membership. Collect names and addresses and forward them to Frances Byrd by mail or email.

Included is a list of people whose recent mail has been returned. If you can provide current address information, please contact Frances Byrd by mail or email. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

National Executive Committee and the Middle Georgia Chapter

ROSENWALD HARLANITES, INC.
19th BI-ANNUAL REUNION
July 24-27, 2008

Website: <http://www.rosenwaldharlanites.org/Local-Chapters/>

Hotel Information



**INTRODUCING ATLANTA'S PREMIER
HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

The site of the 2008 RHI Reunion is the **Georgia Tech Hotel and Convention Center** in Atlanta, GA. The hotel is located at 800 Spring Street, NW at the intersection of Spring Street and 5th Street.

Telephone: (404) 347-9440 or 1-800-706-2899

Website: <http://www.gatechhotel.com/>

A block of room has been reserved in the name of the **Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc.** at discounted nightly room rates through **June 24, 2008**. You must call the hotel directly to make your reservations. Let them know that you want to make reservations under the name of the Rosenwald Harlanites to receive the discount. After the cut off date, rooms will revert back to the regular rate of \$140/night for single occupancy. There are a few adjoining rooms for families with children. Call now to make your reservations.

Single Occupancy: (one-two persons) \$99/night plus tax

Double Occupancy: (up to four persons) \$109/night plus tax

Parking: \$15/day, unlimited entry/exit. Other unsecured parking is available in the vicinity.

Directions to the Hotel

Shuttle service is available from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson airport to the hotel. The Atlanta Link picks up at the hotel at :15 and :45 past the hour, every hour from 6:00 am – 1:00 am, 7 days a week. All service after 7:00 pm requires advance reservations.

Traveling on I-85/75 North (I-85 from the airport): Take I-85 North to the 10th/14th street exit (#250). Continue straight for .1 mile on Williams Street and turn right onto 10th Street. Travel .1 mile and turn right onto Spring Street. The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center is approximately .4 mile on the right.

Traveling on I-85 South: Take I-85 South to the Techwood Drive/14th Street/ 10th Street exit (#84). Turn left on 14th Street. Travel .2 mile and turn right on Spring Street. The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center is approximately .7 mile on the right.

Traveling on I-75 South: Take I-75 South to the Techwood Drive/14th Street/ 10th Street exit (#250). Turn left on 14th Street. Travel .2 mile and turn right on Spring Street. The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center is approximately .7 mile on the right.

Traveling on 400 South: Take GA-400 South to I-85 South and follow the directions above.

Traveling on I-20: Take I-20 to I-85/75 North and follow the directions above.

Via Amtrak: Start on West Peachtree Street and go .1 mile. Turn right onto Peachtree Street NE and proceed .1 mile. Turn left onto Spring Street. The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center is approximately 1.4 miles on the right.

Via North Avenue MARTA transit station: Turn right onto West Peachtree Street and go .2 miles. Turn left on 5th Street, go one block and turn left onto Spring Street. The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center is on the right.

Georgia Tech's complimentary shuttle, the Tech Trolley, provides guests transportation arriving and departing from the Midtown MARTA transit station. The Tech Trolley will run 5:45 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 4 minute intervals, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. For a map of the shuttle's locations and real-time arrival information, go to the hotel website.

OTHER INFORMATION

[CHARTER BUS SERVICE TO ATLANTA](#)

The Dayton Chapter of the Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc. is sponsoring a 55-passenger Charter Bus to the Atlanta Reunion for those wanting to come and let someone else do the driving. The cost is \$80/person. A payment plan is available. **Contact Mrs. Ruby Smith at 937-268-4502 for additional information and to make your reservations.** The bus will leave Dayton, OH on Thursday, July 24th at midnight and should arrive in Atlanta around 9:00 AM on Friday, July 25. There will be two scheduled pick-up points, one of which is in Lexington, KY. The bus will leave Atlanta, GA on Sunday, July 17th around 1:00 PM.

[VIDEO WALK DOWN LEGACY LANE](#)

There is still time to send family photographs for inclusion in the RHI Legacy Video. Send non-returnable, print copies of photographs to masonvideoproductions@yahoo.com. Include names of persons in the photographs and your contact information (name, address and telephone number. You may also include an email address).

We are particularly interested in photographs of people and/or activities from the Rosenwald School days for a "Then and Now" showing. This coupled with current family photographs is desirable.

**Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc.
2008 Reunion Registration Package**

Reunion Theme: *“Walk Down Legacy Lane”*

Schedule of Activities

Thursday, July 24, 2008

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Free Time
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. Executive Board Meeting
1:45 PM. – 6:00 PM Registration/Planning Committee Meeting
7:00 PM. – 11:30 PM. Stone Mountain Laser Show

Friday, July 25, 2008 *Wear red and/or white*

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Registration
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Free Time
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Welcome Reception (hot Hor’dorvers /Cash Bar)
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM Dance (**Video** Walk Down Legacy Lane)

Saturday, July 26, 2008

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM-10:00 AM Annual Meeting (Breakfast and National Elections)
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Youth (12-18) Workshops
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Youth Bus Tour of Atlanta University Center Schools
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Bus Tour of Atlanta (MLK Center, Centennial Park, etc.)
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Bus Tour of Atlanta (Underground Atl, GA Aquarium, etc.)
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Reception/Cash Bar
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner Program and Scholarship Awards
9:30 PM – 12:00 AM Dance

Sunday, July 27, 2008

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Memorial/Worship Service
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Check-out of Hotel; Load Charter Bus

Have a safe and happy trip home!


ACTIVITIES IN ATLANTA

“Atlanta has so much to celebrate that locals claim there’s something new opening every day.” Below is a list of attractions that the Middle Georgia Chapter has compiled. Some are free or available at a reduced rate via the city pass or group rates. Venues in the City Pass booklet are shown with individual cost factors if purchased separately.




The City Pass [<http://www.citypass.com/attraction/georgiaaquarium.html>] is a ticket book containing admission tickets to several top attractions. With City Pass, you pay a reduced price and avoid main entrance ticket lines at most attractions. The cost is \$64 for adults, ages 13 and above; and \$45 for children, ages 3 to 12.

___ GA Aquarium  <http://www.georgiaaquarium.org/> Tickets: \$27 Adult; \$18 for youth (ages 3 to 18); Group rate: \$22 adult

___ World of Coca-Cola  <http://www.woccatlanta.com/> Tickets: \$15 Adult (ages 13-54); \$13 Seniors (ages 55+); \$9 Youth (ages 3-5); ages 2 and under free w/adult

___ Atlanta History Center or Zoo Atlanta  <http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/index.cfm>
Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12, ages 65 & older; \$12, ages 13 and older; \$10, age 4-12

___ Fernbank Museum or Atlanta Botanical Gardens  <http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/>
 Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$14 Students and seniors (ages 62+) w/ID; \$13 Children ages 3-12; 2 and under free

___ High Museum of Art  <http://www.high.org/> Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Students and Seniors (ages 65+); \$11 Children ages 6-17; Under 5 free

___ Stone Mountain Park <http://stonemountainpark.com/> \$8 one-day parking permit for vehicles w/14 or fewer passengers; \$20 for vehicles with 15 or more passengers.

___ Six Flags White Waters Water Park <http://www.sixflags.com/whiteWater/index.aspx> Tickets: \$35.99 General Admission; \$25.99 Children under 48”; ages 2 and under free w/adult

___ Six Flags Park <http://www.sixflags.com/overGeorgia/index.aspx> Tickets: \$49.99 General Admission; \$29.99 Children under 48”; ages 2 and under free w/adult

ACTIVITIES WITH FREE ADMISSION

___ Centennial Olympic Park	___ M. L. King Center and Birth Home
___ Atlanta University Center	___ Underground Atlanta Shopping
___ Piedmont Park	___ Atlantic Station Shopping Center

Transportation includes two free bus tours with drop off/pick up capabilities; a free Georgia Tech Trolley, and Marta Rail/Bus Service (\$3.50 r/t). A map of the downtown area is available if you are using personal cars. Some venues are within walking distance of the hotel.

Rosenwald-Harlanites, Inc.

2008 Reunion Program Booklet Ad Sales



The Rosenwald Harlanites is a 501c3 tax exempt organization that originated in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1978. We provide annual scholarships to descendants of the faculty, staff and students that attended the Rosenwald School. This fundraiser is designed to increase the amount of funds available for scholarships. Thank you for your contributions. The Reunion Program Book will be a souvenir.

CUSTOMER INVOICE

Please Type or Print Clearly

Date:

Customer Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Check (✓) Ad Type:

_____ Full-Page = \$50.00/each

_____ Half-Page = \$25.00/each

_____ Quarter Page = \$15.00/each

_____ Business Cards = \$5.00/each

_____ Attachments (# _____)

_____ Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ made payable to the **RosenwaldHarlanites, Inc.**

Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc.
2008 Membership Application Form

___ I am enclosing my 2008 membership dues:

Name: _____

Address : _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail Address _____

If you belong to a local chapter, please provide the name of the chapter:

___ I am enclosing dues for my spouse___, child(ren) [#] ____, and other relative(s) _____ in the same household for a total of _____. (Attach a list of persons to show names, relationships and ages.)

___ I am enclosing a personal check or money order payable to **Rosenwald Harlanites, Inc.** in the amount of \$_____ for _____ persons @ \$30/person for annual dues.

___ Please contact me with information about how to become a lifetime member.

Please send this completed form and funds to our Treasurer, Ms. Charlotte Carter, 4753 Coachford Drive, Columbus, OH 43205 on or before June 1, 2008 in order to establish eligibility for voting in the 2008 elections.