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*Williams-Hudson Family
News by Adrienne Williams -
Editor-in-Chief*

WELCOME to the Williams-Hudson Family newsletter for 2000. The summer is upon us and there is so much going on. We are enjoying yet another fun filled summer (even though gas prices are high). Our activities include swimming, movies, picnics, bowling...Aaron is on a bowling league on Saturdays and we normally get a practice in during the week. I've gotten back into the sport myself and introduced Dad to it. Think he likes golf better, but we are working on him. Aaron also attends day camp for half of the day and then we do our normal running around. It's always..."what do we have to do today?" He was honored at his school on awards day with an award for Outstanding Behavior for the year, Perfect Attendance for the year, Outstanding Effort for the year and Honor Roll for the year. He will begin 4th grade in August. His teacher, Ms Curley wrote "Aaron is a hard worker! He is a great role model for the other students and an absolute pleasure to have in class. He will be very successful as a fourth grader." Yes, I am proud of my son, he is a fine young man. Well, enough about our busy lives....there is much to share.

And On to All the Williams-Hudson News....Have you sent in your dues for the Williams-Hudson Reunion yet...ordered a T-shirt/Cap...made your Hotel Reservations? It is not too late, but time is running out. The **Georgia Chapter** is working **HARD** for us all to have a good time and it will run smoother if all monies are paid and everyone has sent in their necessary paperwork. **PLEASE DO SO TODAY!!!** Hotel accommodations can be made through the Rivertown Inn. (877 787-8740) Make sure you mention the Williams-Hudson Family. If you have any questions, please contact the Georgia Chapter ASAP!!! There are many things planned for us. Tasha Mahone and other family members are heading up a fashion show for which I think will be on Thursday, Aug 3. They are looking for volunteers who are willing to model African Attire. You can model your own clothing or there is a lady that makes the attire, but if you model it, you would have to purchase it. You can contact Tasha at Tmahone@arches.uga.edu. Cousin Lillie Edwards has offered to bring some outfits from Ghana. Sizes 8-10 and size medium for men. If you would like to model any of these, please contact her at lillie.edwards@home.com. For those family members that sew, this will be a good time to showcase your outfits. A Computer Workshop is another

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event which is being planned while we are in Georgia. It will be conducted on Thursday morning, Aug 3. More details on this once you arrive. If you have computer skills or just want to brush up on what you know, this may be the workshop for you. The golf tournament is scheduled on Wednesday (8/2) and Friday (8/4). Cousin Mack will have all the details for these events. Please refer to your reunion letters for all the other events that are planned for us.

New Website: Check out our cousin Shunna Austin's website. It's a WebMall.

Primebuytown.com/austin5. You can do a lot of your shopping here.

KUDOS to my Dad - **Alton Williams**, who for the eleventh consecutive year rode 24 miles in the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois (SCDAI) walk/jog/bike-a-thon on June 11. This is my Dad's biggest fund raiser of the year. He rode his bike on a day that had very gusty winds on the lake front, rain, high humidity and a temperature of 88 degrees. The next day it was 58 degrees....crazy weather in Chicago!!! If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please do so by making the check out to **SCDAI**, and send to **Alton Williams, 4113 Applewood Ln, Matteson, IL 60443**. Thanks to

all who support this cause. **Way to go DAD!!!**

OTHER FAMILY NEWS: News from Lillie and Paul Edwards (Montclair, NJ). They are looking forward to a wonderful summer. "Paul continues to work for WestLB, a German bank and travels to Europe more frequently than he would like. The family went to Oberlin in May for Lillie's 25th class reunion. Lillie will be on a sabbatical for the 2000-2001 academic year. She hopes to finish one book that has been delayed too long. (I think this means writing another book...way to go cousin!!!). Lillie continues to serve as the National Director for the Association of Black Women Historians. Their daughter, Nia just celebrated her 8th birthday and is off to two weeks at camp. She finished second grade and was very proud of her grade of 92 in math, her favorite subject. Their son, Paul finished 7th grade having made the honor roll for the entire year. His middle school team for "academically speaking" an academic quiz competition similar to "College Bowl" made it to the semi-finals. Paul also scored in 99.9 percentile in parts of his math and English standardized tests this year. Below is a wonderful letter from one of his teachers.

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Dear Ms. Edwards, I'd just like to thank you for Paul. He is one of the kindest people I have ever met. His generosity astounds me and his manner is so pleasant that he lights up a room. I feel better just knowing I'm going to see him on Tuesdays. Our lives are so busy that we so rarely stop to say the things that need to be said, so I wanted to just drop you a note to say what I've been thinking for so long. Have a lovely summer. Fondly, Casey LaRosa, Mount Hebron School, Montclair NJ." Congratulations to you Paul and Nia. A job well done!!!

Congratulations to

Edwina Julliette Williams of Orangeburg, SC, who received her Masters of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary on May 14, 2000.

Edwina is the granddaughter of Bonnie J. Williams and the daughter of the late Edward J. Williams (one of the original Tuskegee Airmen), and Geneva B. Williams (senior faculty member - Claflin University). Please keep Edwina in your prayers and if you would like to send her a card to commemorate this achievement or just a card to say hello...please send to **Ms Edwina J. Williams 317 Beulah St NE, Orangeburg, SC 29115**. God's Blessings to you always Edwina!!!

Congratulations to Uncle

LC. He recently celebrated his 50th (Golden) Class Reunion from

Howard University, Washington DC.

Wedding

Congratulations to the following: **Linette Williams** and **Harry James Grant** who were married on May 27 at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Milwaukee, WI. **Yvonne Spencer** and **James Taylor** were married in Chicago on July 1st. God's blessings to all of you as you start your new lives together.

Anniversary

Congratulations: Kevin and Wanda Crawley...1st Wedding Anniversary on 7/10

Upcoming Wedding: Please save the date of Saturday, September 2, 2000 for the wedding of **Melanie Paul** and **Christopher Robinson** in Pensacola, FL. Melanie is the daughter of Reita Johnson Paul and Marcus E. Paul. Your formal invitation will be mailed later. however, your hotel reservations must be made now. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Bayview (Pensacola) at a special rate of \$64 per night. The rooms are available Friday September 1 with checkout on Sunday September 3. Reservations must be made before August 1 to secure the rooms at this rate. Remember to mention the Paul-Robinson wedding when making your reservations.

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Ramada Bayview 800 282-1212,
7601 Scenic Highway, Pensacola,
FL 32504.

Those Traveling:

Roger Williams had the opportunity to go to Japan in May for business and pleasure. He states "it was a really cool and expensive place! The people are very friendly and willing to assist you wherever you go...service is on a level seen rarely, if ever, in the States. People are ALWAYS cleaning something; the streets, the floors in the hotel, even the sidewalks! And everyone seems to have a job...greeters in the bank, servers in the restaurants, etc He went to the Shinjuku District which reminded him of NYC with plenty of shops, people and cars. There appears to be no zoning restrictions in the city; residential dwellings can be right next door to a gas station, mall or grocery store. The outlining areas reminded Roger of San Francisco; lots of hills and winding roads. The driving standard is similar to England; steering wheels on the right-hand side of the vehicle and driving on the left-side of the road. More technical gadgets than you could every imagine!!! "

Alton Williams traveled to Atlanta May 19-22 to attend his 40th class reunion at Clark Atlanta University. The highlight for him at the banquet was "to listen to a

female graduate from the class of 1925 who was celebrating her 75th Diamond Jubilee Reunion!! She told us of how her mother inspired her to attend school and about the importance of getting an education! All of us had a 'lump' in our throats when she sat down. The other big surprise was to meet Melvin Jenkins at the class picnic whom I had forgotten is also an alumnus of Clark Atlanta University! Way to Go Cousin Melvin!!!

Please keep our Ill Family Members in your prayers.

Ms. Electa Williams (904 Newhall St., Silver Spring MD 20901). Currently, she is at home and undergoing rehabilitation therapy. **Mr. Curtis Spencer - 1307 S. Kildare, Chicago, IL 60623.** Currently, he is at home and request your prayers.

SOME CALL IT HEAVEN...I CALL IT HOME. Please keep in your prayers the family of **Dr Sallie B. Hammond**, (sister of Ms. Geneva B. Williams), died in Petersburg, VA. Cards and condolences may be sent to her husband...(Retired Major) Eldridge Hammond, 1004 Patterson St, Petersburg, VA 23803 or her sister Ms. Geneva B. Williams 317 Beulah St NE, Orangeburg, SC 29115. Please keep the Huff Family in your prayers. The late Malinda Huff's sister, **Mahalia Hollingworth** of Chicago recently died. Her

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funeral was at Taylor Chapel Funeral Home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL the May/June Birthday family members. A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISH To my UNCLE SAM..... (5/31).

Jerry Sharp Sr. & James Lee Crook Jr. (5/4), Shauna Crook (5/7), Bridget Sharp (5/14), Kathy Hicks (5/16), Shunda Robinson (5/17), Michael Fuller (5/23), Sharita Crook (5/24), Edwina Williams (5/25), Monifa Webb (5/27), Audrey Sharp & Charla Sharp (5/29), Mack Thompson (5/30), Anturronette Smith (6/1), Rahsaan Greer (6/2), Michelle Bryd (6/5), Pat Harris & Dorothea Jones (6/7), Amber Jones (6/9), Vincent Thompson (6/10), Charles Crook (6/11), Connie Williams & Earl Carson (6/17), Deja Manning, Christian Bailey & Carlana Hays (6/21), Mamie Evans (6/22), Jasmine Hays (6/23) and Olivia Gratton (6/25). Best Wishes to all of you as you celebrate another year.

Anniversary Wishes To: Mamie & Moses Evans (6/28).

Thanks to all of you that keep me informed. PLEASE let me hear from more of you. I know there is so much more to share!!!

I leave you with a Spiritually Speaking article that I came across in my reading. It is a response from Father Michael Pfleger, who is an esteemed community activist and pastor of Saint Sabina Church in Chicago.

The question he was asked was: "What do you see as the state of the church today now that we have entered the new millennium?" His response: "Having recently crossed the threshold of a new millennium, we must understand that our living in this day and hour is not a matter of coincidence. In Isaiah 41:4, God asks Isaiah "Who has done this, and carried it through, calling forth the generation from the beginning? I the Lord, with the first of them and with the last. I am He." The scripture is telling us that God is the One who calls the generations from the beginning. It is He, through His divine knowledge and wisdom, who orchestrated for each one of us to be here at this specific time. God made up His mind before He spat out the sun that we would be here to walk into the new millennium. Each one of us had been strategically placed and predetermined by God to use in the new millennium. If we plan to accept this divine appointment for being alive in this end time; we must let the revolution begin! The church needs a revolution because the church that exists today is not the church that Jesus founded 2000 years ago. What we have constructed is a counterfeit church that is more interested in being user-friendly than faithful. Why a revolution? Because the church in the book of Acts was revolutionary. Everywhere Peter and Paul preached Christ, a revolution broke out in the land.

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Governments overturned, economies shifted, people cried out for change. But the church has drifted from that place of revolution. The church is no longer prophetic, but pathetic. God has called us to occupy and be in dominion. But this counterfeit church has become an absentee landlord. If a house has an absentee landlord, squatters will come and live in the empty house. The church has been an absentee landlord in the earth, and the devil has come in like a squatter. We don't have to look far to see that Satan has set up home in the earth God gave us to rule. There are drugs in every community, gangs replacing families, violence on every street corner, racism on every pew. We need a revolution because the wind of the Spirit is shifting. The Holy Ghost is hovering and God is searching to and fro for a revolutionary church - a glorious church, not a carnal church, not an "anything goes" church, not a "sit back and get spiritually obese" church. A church that looks like the book of Acts. That revolutionary church will become the church that sees God's glory. God is trying to present a new model, concept, and design of church in this world. Christ is calling the church today and asking the same questions He asked His disciples long ago: "Who do you say that I am?" Churches have been redefining and renaming Jesus into what they want Him to be. God is calling us

to stand up and say boldly, loudly and unequivocally that He is Jesus Christ. The time of counterfeit Christianity is over. It's time for the church to be the real thing - a prophetic church of the new millennium that is like the church of Acts, against which the gates of Hell cannot prevail. I am sounding the alarm. Let the revolution begin! **Father Michael Pflieger **

Please submit news for the July/Aug newsletter by Aug 24.

Now Pass The Williams-Hudson News On!!!!!! Start regarding the blessings that are going on in your life right now. You will not enter the promise land if you are grumbling and complaining. Now Give God the Praise!!!

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