Greetings Cross-Green-Smith Family,

We hope this finds each of you in good health. As we look forward to our 2024 CGS Family Reunion, there are several updates that we need to share with you at this time. Due to logistical difficulties, we need to relocate the reunion from Philadelphia, PA to Charlotte, NC.

Our Cousin Jerolyn Adewoyin has graciously agreed to be our new host along with the Board. **The reunion will take place Thursday, July 25 – Sunday, July 28, 2024, in beautiful Charlotte, NC.** Jerolyn has worked hard to find us the best possible room rates for our reunion in the SouthPark Community of Charlotte.

Our Host Hotel for the 2024 CGS Family Reunion is the **Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte SouthPark, 4808 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210**. The negotiated room rates are a **King Bed for $145.00 per night** (plus applicable federal, state, and city taxes)and **Two Queen Beds for $155.00 per night** (plus applicable federal, state, and city taxes). **The room rate** **does not include breakfast.** The hotel amenities include a pool, fitness center, microwave, Keurig, and mini fridge in each room, and free WiFi access in guest rooms.

Each attendee will be responsible for making and paying for their own room reservation. You can begin making your reservations immediately by using the Booking Link:  [Cross, Green & Smith Family Reunion](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CLTSKGI&groupCode=906&arrivaldate=2024-07-25&departuredate=2024-07-28&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT) or by calling **(704) 362-5080. The hotel will hold our block of rooms at the above rate until June 7, 2024, or until all rooms are booked, whichever comes first**. We suggest that you make your reservation immediately, so if there is a need for more rooms, we can make a request for them as soon as possible.

The hotel is extending our reunion room rate to our family members for up to two days prior to and two days after our reunion. When making your reservations, please make sure you identify yourself as an attendee of the Cross-Green-Smith Family Reunion to receive our discounted rate.

We realize this is a short window of time, compared to the usual 2 years advance notice of the location of our reunion, therefore, the Board will be assisting Cousin Jerolyn with organizing our 2024 reunion. If you will be attending or tentatively believe you will be attending the reunion, we are asking that you forward an email to 2024cgs.nc@gmail.com informing us of your attendance and how many people there will be in your party. This will assist us with getting a preliminary head count, which will help as we continue to move forward with finalizing the plans for our reunion.

The Board is also asking that those family members who have not yet paid their 2023 dues, move forward with paying your dues by **no later than February 2, 2024**. The amount of dues is $50 a year per adult 18yrs old (see the Bylaws for the full explanation as to the term adult). Please keep in mind that dues are due by March 31 of each year. If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, please do so immediately. You may also pay your 2023 and 2024 at the same time.

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**The preferred and most convenient method of payment is electronically through your bank using the Zelle app**; however, you can also pay your dues by mailing a check or money order via US mail.

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**REUNION ITINERARY**

Thursday, July 25, 2024 – Registration/Meet and Greet – 5pm – 8pm (Hotel Lobby)

Friday, July 26, 2024 – Charlotte Tour – 9:30am – 12:30pm

 Sharon Ballroom

 Family History Presentation – 4pm - 5:30pm

 Family Happy Hour – 6pm – 8pm (Appetizers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Sodas)

 Family Fun & Games Night – 8pm – 10pm (Games, Music, Karaoke, Cards)

Saturday, July 27, 2024 – Family Business Meeting – 9am – 11am (Bar Restaurant)

 Free time to explore Charlotte/SouthPark Mall, etc. 11am – 5pm

 Dinner – 6pm – 10pm

Sunday, July 28, 2024 – Farewell Prayer Breakfast – 8am – 11am