

2022 THOMAS FAMILY REUNION COMMITTEE
La Crosse, Virginia
April 10, 2022

Greetings Family and Friends,

Save the Date – It’s time to Celebrate!



August 12-14, 2022

Guess what?? We’re excited because we are planning a big celebration – and YOU are invited! Why? Because it is time to return, to reunite, to renew our family and friendship bonds, to rejoice, and to give thanks for the blood that we share and the contributions of our ancestors who have forged us into the strong family units that we are today. It is time to re-light the flame of Thomas family love and unity. Therefore, we have selected **“THOMAS FAMILY REUNION 2022: THE HOMECOMING – BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED”** as our theme for this event.

After “Passing the Torch” on August 11, 2018, we had no way of predicting that we and all of the other families of the world would soon be engaging in a four years long struggle to survive a global Coronavirus pandemic. Through God’s mercy and grace, we are slowly, carefully, re-emerging and learning how to navigate safely through our changed environment. Changes have also been wrought to leaves on our family tree. Our goal is to commemorate the lives of beloved family members who have passed on, as well as to welcome the new buds on our branches – we’re talking about YOU, precious new Baby Thomases! We can’t wait to meet you and start lifting you up.

Are you ready? Will you join us? Can we count on you? ‘Cause a party ain’t a party without YOU, of course. So, here are details that you need to know:

MENU: We invite you to come out and enjoy our traditional family reunion spread of fried/baked chicken, fish, BBQ, hot dogs, meat balls, salads, veggies, desserts, drinks, etc

ATTIRE: Wear what you like, as long as it is comfortable. *(For those of you who may be interested in purchasing reunion T-Shirts, we are enclosing a separate order page with the prices and the deadline for ordering.)*

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are unable to provide child care services. Therefore, parents are responsible for the supervision and monitoring of their children at all times. Due to safety, security, and damage liability concerns, children should never be left unsupervised/unattended when in the Woodfield Club building or anywhere on its grounds. Thank you.

DUES / FEES will be used to pay for mailings, Family Reunion Booklets, Woodfield Club rental, food and beverages for two (2) days, ABC License, decorations, and other miscellaneous expenses.

\$40.00 per Adult – 18 years & older
\$10.00 per Teen – 17 to 13 years old
Free – Children 12 years & younger

Deadline #1 - May 30, 2022 / Deadline #2 - June 30, 2022*

****Payments received by June 30, 2022 will earn each family member an automatic entry in raffles!***

All payments should be sent or handed to:

Mrs. Audrey Macklin, Treasurer
4721 Roxbury Road
Charles City, VA 23030
Phone: (804) 586-4976

*****Note: Please know that everyone is always welcome to attend and we understand that each family's financial situation is unique. If you have questions, need special payment arrangements, or other considerations, please call:***

Audrey Macklin, Treasurer (804) 586-4976, or
Darren Thompson, Co-Treasurer (804) 922-3868.

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Please do us a HUGE favor and submit **Family Information Updates** to be posted on our reunion website, www.virginiareunion.org and in our bi-annual **Family Reunion Booklet**. Examples include: engagements, marriages, births, deaths, graduations, military service, retirements, relocations, job changes, promotions, etc. We really enjoy reading about all the **GOOD NEWS** that's going on in the different family branches. Also, it is very important to check your address and phone listings in the old **2018 Family Reunion Booklet**. We need accurate information to insure that we can contact you regarding various family events. If your info needs changes (corrections, additions, deletions, etc.), **please submit them by July 1, 2022 for publication in the Family Reunion Booklet and on the website prior to the reunion.** Send your updates to:

Sandra Rivers, Chairperson
(757)62-2106 text or (757) 857-7255.
TheThomasfamilyreunion1472@gmail.com,

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Our reunion will take place during the weekend of August 12-14, 2022. Please start planning right now to join us for this year's HOMECOMING celebration.

Day One - Friday, August 12, 2022; Hospitality "Meet N Greet" Activities

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – **Hanging with the Family**

Where: Hampton Inn Hotel - Meeting Room

What: Light refreshments, fun, fellowship, relaxation, games, & laughter.

Day Two - Saturday, August 13, 2022:

"2022 Thomas Family Reunion: The Homecoming - Back to Where We Started"

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Woodfield Club, 509 Daniel Street, South Hill, VA 23970

Day Three - Sunday, August 14, 2022 – "Family & Friends Day Church Service"

Where: Pleasant Hill RZUA Church, La Crosse, Virginia

Time: **TBA**

Speaker: **TBA**

Sunday Afternoon, August 14, 2022 – "On Your Own":

Rest, Relaxation, Hanging Out, Farewells.

(*No *Committee Activities are planned**).

If possible, please try to attend church, as a family. Dinner will be served.

AREA HOTELS in South Hill, VA:

PLEASE CALL AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!! You might get cheaper rates by calling the local hotel, or through travel websites like Priceline, Orbitz, Expedia, Travelocity, Trivago, etc. You may also qualify for special, individual discounts (examples: AAA, Senior, Military, Government, etc.) Prices generally go up during the peak summer season, so DO NOT DELAY. Check in at most hotels is 3:00 p.m. If you need an earlier check-in time or later check-out time, try to work that out when you call.

NOTE 1- HAMPTON INN (434) 447-4600 is the Host Hotel:

We have blocked rooms in order to receive a discounted rate. Please join us and ask for the special Thomas Family Reunion group rate of **\$129.00 plus tax per night**. The rooms are blocked under **The Thomas Family Reunion/ Sandra Rivers (August 12-14, 2022 / Fri-Sat night.)** These special rates will only be available until **July 22, 2022**, so if interested, please call early and reserve before that cutoff date. **If you need special accommodations, please request when you book your reservation.**

NOTE 2- OTHER HOTELS :

Best Western Plus: (434) 955-2777
Comfort Inn: (434) 447-2200
Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott: (434) 447-6800
Holiday Inn Express: (434) 447-2055
Microtel Inn & Suites (434) 447-3461

Reserve rooms early. Ask whether you qualify for special discount rates.

THE FOOD - Served 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The menu will be: Fish, Chicken, Hot Dogs, Meatballs, BBQ Pork, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Cabbage, Potato Salad, Tossed or Layered Salad, Pasta Salad, Corn Pudding, Desserts and Beverages. (As you know, we are an extremely large family, so any additional cooked food items family and friends wish to donate are always welcomed and appreciated). WE WILL EAT PROMPTLY FROM 3:00-4:30. WE WILL SHUT DOWN ALL COOKING STATIONS AT 4:45 sharp!!!!!! THANK YOU FOR ARRIVING ON TIME to help keep the schedule on track.

PROGRAM & OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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We plan to have traditional as well as new activities again this year: a brief Program, a Memorial Service, Family & Friends Choir, Door Prizes, Music, Raffle(s), Dancing, and generous intermissions for Meeting/Greeting/Mingling with everyone. (Games may be scheduled dependent on expressed interest and participation levels). If you have other fun ideas, please share by contacting *Sandra at (757) 621-2106-7255 or (757) 857-7255*. We hope to incorporate more music and dancing throughout the day, but especially later on in the evening so that committee members can join in the fun, too. Love to all of you. Hope to see you in August!!!

Enclosures: Registration Form, T-Shirt Order Form

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact one of the following:

2022 Thomas Family Reunion Committee

www.virginiareunion.org

www.thethomasfamilyreunion1472@gmail.com

Sandra F. Rivers, Chairperson (757) 621-2106
Audrey Macklin, Treasurer (804) 586-4976
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Andre Butler, Website Coordinator (917) 468-6172
Yolanda Rogers, Secretary
Tiffany Wilson, Co-Secretary
Chris Thompson, Historian/Host
Corey Thomas, Historian/Host
Eunice Wilson, Historian/Hostess
Jeffrey Thomas, Historian/Host
Rocquelle Thomas, Historian/Host

P.S. Occasionally, changes may occur that are beyond our control. In the case of such a rare incident, we will post the announcement(s) or notice(s) on our family website @ www.virginiareunion.org. We encourage everyone to check there often, and to submit your own family news to be posted there, as well.

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