

2024 BREWER FAMILY REUNION NOTICE

HELLO FAMILY!

Many of you may have wondered when, or if, we were having another **BREWER FAMILY REUNION**. Well, wonder no more and save the date! On **JULY 4-7, 2024**, we will gather in the "Motor City" – **DETROIT, MICHIGAN** – to celebrate our heritage and acknowledge the influence this City has had on Black/African Americans in this country and abroad.

As with many northern cities, Detroit played a significant role in the **Underground Railroad** as slaves fled to Canada in search of freedom. Detroit was also in the forefront during the **Civil Rights Movement** where Rev. C. L. Franklin, Mayor Coleman Young and others were pivotal in progressing the Movement. It served as a refuge for blacks in search of a "better life", providing hope to the hopeless and a beacon for those who dared to dream. And who can forget the worldwide impact of **Motown** with artists such as Diana Ross, Smoky Robinson, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations and Four Tops, just to name a few; the heartfelt songs of "**The Queen of Soul**" - Aretha Franklin; the knockout blows of boxing legends like "The Brown Bomber" – **Joe Louis** and "The Hitman" – **Thomas Hearn**s; or the Industrial Revolution sparked by **Henry Ford**, where **Ford, GM and Stellantis (Chrysler)** still reign supreme in the automobile industry. Detroit has undergone many transformations through the years and experienced a **RENAISSANCE**, overcoming adversity and exhibiting a promising pathway into the future.

At this reunion, we also seek a **RENAISSANCE** where we can regenerate, reawaken and rekindle our ancestral interest; revitalize and restore our commitment to each other; and discover and strengthen the family roots acquired through **ROBERT AND EMILINE BREWER**. We need older members to attend as they are our connection to the past and guidance for the future. We especially want the youth to attend since they are **OUR FUTURE** and must carry the torch for generations to come.

Your hotel accommodations will be at the **MARRIOTT DETROIT RENAISSANCE CENTER** located downtown within the General Motors Corporate Headquarters. **The room rate is \$189 per night plus tax.** This location provides a panoramic view of the Detroit River and neighboring Windsor, Canada. It is centrally located with easy access to museums, sports arenas, theaters, casinos and restaurants. No doubt, you will be amazed by all Detroit has to offer. Hotel reservations should be made ASAP since there are only **35 rooms blocked at this \$189 rate** which will be issued on a 'first come' basis. Let us fill this block quickly so that additional rooms can be secured at a discounted group rate if needed. However, future rooms or discounts are not guaranteed and will be based on room availability. The deadline for ALL hotel reservations is May 1, 2024 regardless of the rate. To reserve your room, call Marriott reservations at **(877) 901-6632** and reference "**The 2024 Brewer Family Reunion**" or go directly to the online reservation link at <https://book.passkey.com/go/BrewerFamReunion>. **A credit card will be required to reserve the room, but the card will not be charged when reservations are made and only used to hold the room.** If you are unable to attend, you must cancel 2 days before the event to avoid a one-night charge of \$189 + tax. When using a debit card upon check-in, an initial charge for hotel incidentals may be incurred, but will be reimbursed if unused.

A wide array of activities are planned for you to experience "**THE MOTOR CITY**" at its finest. A list of activities and itinerary are forthcoming, but I am sure you will be eager to participate. To defray Reunion expenses, a **REGISTRATION FEE** is required and the registration form will soon be forwarded for you to complete. Fees are: **\$200/person (age 17 and above) - \$150/person (age 11 – 16) -- \$75/person (age 5 – 10) -- FREE (age 4 & below)** This fee includes food, tickets, venue and rental room rental, printing and other miscellaneous expenses. As you know, advance deposits are required to secure venues and caterers so please send this registration fee to the 2024 Brewer Reunion Bank account via **ZELLE** to AJBolw@gmail.com or **MAIL** to **Arthelia Brewer, 1104 South Timberview Trail, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304**. Make checks payable to the **2024 Brewer Family Reunion** for deposit into the Reunion account. You are urged to pay the registration fee **ASAP** to lock-in venue and catering commitments. These fees should be submitted by **November 1, 2023**. To simplify bookkeeping, the full registration fee is preferred, but you can pay incrementally if needed. Friends and guests are welcome to attend, but they must also pay the registration fee to participate in activities.

The Planning Committee has been working tirelessly to make sure the **2024 BREWER FAMILY REUNION** is enjoyed and remembered by all. Your support and participation are crucial to the Reunion's success. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends in **DETROIT on JULY 4-7, 2024**. Be sure to check the family website (www.RobertandEmilineBrewer.com) and Facebook for updates AND forward this letter to other family members since I do not have their emails or addresses.

Arthelia Brewer, Chairperson
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