

September 15, 2009

Hello Taylor Family Members,

I hope that this letter finds everyone well and in the very best of health. As noted by the emails that you have received, the California family members have been very busy working to ensure that your visit to the Golden State will be a memorable one.

By way of introduction, I am Linda D. Eaton-Young, daughter of Clara Eaton, and granddaughter of Hazel Taylor, who was the oldest child of Papa George and Georgia Taylor. For this twentieth anniversary reunion, I will be serving as Chair.

Since this is the first time that the reunion is being held in California, I would like to share some highlights of the area that we have selected and some of the events that we have planned.

Dates: The reunion will be held on July 16-July 18, 2010 in Fairfield, California. The selected hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott, 1350 Holiday Lane, Fairfield, California. As noted in the July 4, 2009 minutes, we have secured a group rate of \$99.00 + tax per night for a single or double room. Since there are a lot of places to see in the Northern California area, you may want to come a day earlier, so the hotel rate of \$99.00 is also applicable to Thursday, July 15, 2010. If you would like to see the hotel and its amenities, you can access their website at:

[www.Marriott.com/hotels/ travel/sfofn-courtyard-fairfield-napa-valley-area/](http://www.Marriott.com/hotels/travel/sfofn-courtyard-fairfield-napa-valley-area/).

Location: Fairfield is centrally located in Northern California and is approximately 45 miles from both the San Francisco and Sacramento airports, and approximately 48 miles from the Oakland airport. It is the home of Travis Air Force Base and the Jelly Belly

Factory (a jelly bean factory, which offers free tours). In addition, the hotel is located near the Westfield Mall, which houses a theatre and several restaurants are in the general vicinity. Approximately 14 miles west of Fairfield is the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom theme park, located in Vallejo, California. Last but not least, there is a lot to see and do in world famous San Francisco, as well.

Friday Night Live: In lieu of a banquet, the California planning committee has decided to have a buffet style dinner on Friday, July 16, 2010. The coordinating committee assigned to this event is in the planning stages of selecting activities for the evening and you will receive updates as the activities are finalized.

Saturday Picnic: The picnic will be held at Alan Witt Park, which is approximately 1 mile from the hotel and some of the amenities include tennis , basketball ,and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, and a swimming pool.

Scholarship Fund: We have established a G.W. Taylor Scholarship Fund per the request of several family members at our last reunion. The committee is currently in the process of establishing the application criteria and will be sharing this information with the family in the very near future. Thus far, we have raised money through fundraising efforts, but in order for the fund to grow, we will need everyone's help in contributing to the fund.

Since our vision is to have scholarship funds available for years to come, we will need everyone's assistance in reaching our goal. Fundraising efforts or contributions are a couple of ways to contribute to the fund.

Please contact me at leaton25@sbcglobal.net or become a friend on my facebook account in order to assist with fundraising or the submission of contributions.

Registration: You will receive a copy of this letter along with a registration form by email and mail. When you review the form, you will note that the pricing follows the same format as the 2008 reunion. We wanted to keep the costs down so that more people could attend. As noted, there is a cost per household, a cost for single adults with or without children, and senior citizens. Seniors age 70 and older are **FREE**! There is also an incentive provided for early registration. So please send in your registration form early so that we can have an idea of how many family members and friends will be attending.

In this initial letter, I have highlighted some of the key events that will be taking place at the reunion. There are other items, such as the souvenir booklet and an updated family history that are also a part of the reunion events. As time passes, you will continue to receive the minutes through email and mail for those without email addresses, which will keep you apprised of our progress.

In conclusion, I would like to state that we are very excited about this reunion and want to make sure that everyone attends and have an enjoyable time with the family.

Love and Peace,

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