



**48TH WAGNER
FAMILY REUNION
COLUMBUS, OHIO**
July 27 - 30, 2017

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February 22, 2017

Dear Wagner Family,

We hope this letter finds you healthy, prosperous and above all blessed. Your Columbus Host Committee is busy planning for our 48th Wagner Family Reunion in the great state of Ohio!

Columbus is a bustling city that is often cited as one of the best for African-American families and is filled with a rich tapestry of our history. The Kelton House, located in downtown Columbus, was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Aminah Robinson, a world renowned African American artist, grew up in Poindexter Village, one of the nation’s first federally-funded metropolitan housing developments. The King Arts Complex is the keeper of the rich legacy of the African-American experience in Columbus, nestled right along the Mt. Vernon Avenue, which was once known as the “Cradle of Jazz.”

The Host Committee’s goal is to plan an enjoyable reunion focused on reconnecting with loved ones from across our branches and creating lifelong memories. Timely adherence to the deadlines contained within the letter will help us to effectively plan for a well-organized and engaging reunion.

REUNION-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH	FRIDAY, JULY 28TH	SATURDAY, JULY 29TH	SUNDAY, JULY 30TH
5:00 P.M. -9:00 P.M. King Arts Complex Heritage Concert Series (\$) Jazz, Blues & Classic R & B	11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. The Columbus Zoo & Zoombeezi Bay (\$)	11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Family Picnic Whetstone Park of Roses	8: 00 A.M. Worship Service (Hotel)
7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Spades and Bid Whist Tournament (Hotel)	12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. Tanger Outlets (\$)	8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Hollywood Casino Columbus (\$)	
	7:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Family Welcome Dinner & Party Through the Decades Attire: Dressy	7:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Family Game Night & Movies (Hotel)	

Please be sure to thoroughly read this letter as it provides the details you will need to plan your time at the reunion. Timely adherence to the deadlines contained within this letter will help us to effectively plan for a well-organized and engaging reunion.

If you know of a family member who did not receive this letter, please make a copy for them or direct them to our family website at <http://www.wagnerfamilyreunion.com/>. The reunion letter can be downloaded by clicking the ‘Reunion Letters’ tab.

We look forward to seeing you in Columbus!

Sincerely,

The Columbus Host Committee



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ACCOMODATIONS

The Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport, 2886 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219 will serve as the host hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved for July 26, 2017 - July 30, 2017. The special room rate of \$139.00 will be available until July 1st or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes.

Reservations can be made directly by using the reservation link <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHATES-WAG-20170726/index.jhtml> or by contacting the hotel directly at 1-614-536-0500.

AIRPORT/SHUTTLE/PARKING

The Embassy Suites Columbus Airport hotel offers complimentary parking and shuttle transportation to the John Glen International Airport. The airport is approximately 1 mile from the hotel (2 minutes driving time).

REGISTRATION DUES

What would a reunion be without registration dues? Remember that dues are used to assist in planning by making deposits, securing reservations (i.e. transportation) and to pay for needed services (i.e. catering) in advance. It is pertinent that all dues are received by the established due date. As you can understand, individuals who do not pay their dues by the established deadline cannot be guaranteed space or participation in published activities. **If your dues are not received by July 1, 2017 you will not be able to participate in the Family Dinner on July 28 or receive a family reunion t-shirt.** Lack of funds impedes the planning process.

Please note the following information about your family reunion registration dues:

- The deadline for receiving your dues is **July 1, 2017**.
- Any dues that are paid after that time should be sent in the form of a **money order** and accompanied by a **\$25.00** late fee.
- Dues that are paid onsite will also incur a **\$25.00** late fee.
- Only **cash and money orders** will be accepted onsite.

The Host Committee would greatly appreciate it if each family would begin to send their dues in now.☺

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Wagner Family Reunion
c/o Natalie M. James
5706 Blendonbrook Lane
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Phone: (614) 571-2385
Email: hvelveteen@aol.com

QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BE DIRECTED TO:

Artemisia Hatcher
Phone: 614-899-2956



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FAMILY REUNION ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Please provide the name, age and branch of attendee (print only):

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	BRANCH	AGE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION	
CONTACT PERSON	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

REGISTRATION TYPE	QUANTITY	REGISTRATION COST	TOTAL
ADULT		\$75.00	
CHILDREN (AGES 11-17 YRS)		\$30.00	
CHILDREN (UNDER AGE 11 YRS)		\$25.00	
		REGISTRATION DUES TOTAL	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

NATALIE M. JAMES
5706 BLENDONBROOK LANE
GAHANNA, OHIO 43230

Include 'Wagner Family Reunion' on the memo line



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ACTIVITY REGISTRATION – SUBMISSION DEADLINE JULY 1, 2017

ACTIVITY TYPE	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
THURSDAY, JULY 27th			
KING ARTS COMPLEX HERITAGE CONCERT SERIES		\$8.00	
FRIDAY, JULY 28th			
THE COLUMBUS ZOO (ONLY)			
UNDER 3		NO COST	
AGES 3-9		\$5.00	
AGES 10-59		\$20.00	
AGES 60+		\$25.00	
		\$20.00	
THE COLUMBUS ZOO & ZOOMBEZI BAY			
AGES 3-9		\$42.00	
AGES 10-59		\$54.00	
AGES 60+		\$42.00	
TANGER OUTLETS		\$5.00	
SATURDAY, JULY 29th			
HOLLYWOOD CASINO COLUMBUS		\$5.00	
		ACTIVITY SUBTOTAL	
		REGISTRATION DUES SUBTOTAL	
		GRAND TOTAL	

T-SHIRT SIZES	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ADULT SMALL		
ADULT MEDIUM		
ADULT LARGE		
ADULT XL		
ADULT XXL		
CHILD SMALL		
CHILD MEDIUM		
CHILD LARGE		



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ATTRACTIONS IN & AROUND CENTRAL OHIO

COSI - (Center of Science and Industry)-Voted the #1 science center for families in America (Parent Magazine, 2008). Explore Science. Discover fun! **COSI Columbus** is a dynamic hands-on science center located in Central Ohio that is fun for all ages. www.cosi.org

Columbus Commons - A 6-acre park and green space in downtown Columbus. The park features gardens, a performance stage, carousel, reading room, a NEOS play system and two cafes. www.columbuscommons.org

Easton Town Center - Easton is the Midwest's premier destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. With its unique village setting, large public spaces, plazas and abundant free parking, Easton is home to an eclectic assortment of restaurants, entertainment venues, exclusive retailers and a 30-screen movie theater. www.eastontowncenter.com

Scioto Mile - The Scioto Mile is a 33-acre parkland in downtown Columbus. With miles of multi-use trails stretching from Bicentennial Plaza in the south to North Bank Park in the North, this is a great spot to take a stroll and enjoy both the city and nature. Bicentennial Park hosts free concerts on summer weekends, and a huge set of fountains create a fun environment for kids to play in during the daylight hours. By night, sip a local cocktail or grab a burger at Milestone 229 and watch the fountain displays change through the evening. www.sciotomile.com

Short North Arts District - Starting in the 1980s, the [Short North Arts District](http://www.shortnorth.org) became a hub of the local art scene. Filled with numerous galleries, theaters, shops, hotels and restaurants. www.shortnorth.org

Ohio History Center -The Ohio History Center is the headquarters of the Ohio History Connection. Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive day filled with exhibits exploring everything from life in the 1950s to extinct and endangered Ohio species to an exquisite collection of restored Civil War battle flags. [Ohio Village](http://www.ohiohistory.org) is included with general admission to the Ohio History Center. Ohio Village transforms into a 1890s town! During the summer, stroll through the village or stop by to see the [Ohio Village Muffins](http://www.ohiohistory.org) play a vintage baseball match. www.ohiohistory.org

Magic Mountain Fun Centers (Polaris) - Enjoy Miniature Golf, Go-Karts, Interactive Arcade and Redemption Games, Batting Cages, Bumper Boats, Bumper Cars and more! www.magicmountainfuncenter.com

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (Cincinnati, Ohio) - Opened on the banks of the Ohio River in Cincinnati in 2004, the mission of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is to reveal stories of freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps of freedom today. A history museum with more than 100,000 visitors annually, it serves to inspire modern abolition through connecting the lessons of the Underground Railroad with today's freedom fighters. The center is also a convener of dialogue on freedom and human rights. www.freedomcenter.org

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton, Ohio) - The Pro Football Hall of Fame opened in 1963 and stands as a shining tribute to the men who have made professional football America's most popular sport. www.profootballhof.com

Kings Island Amusement Park (Mason, Ohio) - The largest amusement and waterpark in the Midwest. www.visitkingsisland.com

**If the Root Be Holy, So are the Branches
Romans 11:16**