

A LETTER OF THANK YOU

in appreciation of their invaluable assistance and commitment to the
descendants of Peale Family



I would like to give a special thank you to **Claudette Jones** for being our Treasurer and my hand holder. When you accept the role as host of the family reunion we all think we can do better. It is not easy at all to plan an event for people you love. You want everyone's visit to be perfect when you raise your hand to take it on. I did not have a clue to how I was going to pull this off by myself without a team here in DC. I was able to contact Claudette almost any time when I needed her even one time as she driving back on a long haul home, and not once did say Liz not now. Love you forever Cuz.

I would like to thank our beautiful family for your presence at the 2014 Peale Family Reunion in Washington, DC. Your participation went a long way in enriching last year's reunion. I must thank some folks who made it possible for all of us to enjoy reunion they worked mostly behind the scenes.

I would like to thank our **President Tammy Walton** for giving me the chance to host last year's reunion. You were great in listen to my ideas and just letting me try it.

Very grateful to be allowed a chance to fulfill my father's hopes and now mine that we always will come together as a family.

Carl Jones - before I could even asked you told "Liz, I already knew I was working the grill", and being another one of my Gala Ball Judges, Major hug.

Stephanie Benfield - Added so much class to our reunion with custom made decorations, center pieces and making our pageant sashes. Once you were asked to do this you just asked, "how many do I needed", not let think about. You made decorations that we used all 4 days.

Evelyn Linton - for coordinating and hosting our Meet & Greet, Pool party and Luncheon which meant you had to come up with cost effective menus for both days which allowed us to have a longer reunion than past years. Thank you for cooking all that meat for tacos; the food was simply delicious! You were a great hostess who came up games and ideas to welcome the family to DC. Great help!

Sierra Linton - thanks for coming up with fun actives such the Family Feud game to include programing and navigating all those great questions.

Dana Taylor - Ms Dana came to reunion to work, for this I am grateful. A great choice to be Gala Ball Judge you made each child feel important.

To the entire Jeffery & Agurann Bates family for hosting our Gala Ball I only spoke with Jeffery about what I needed but everyone in his family step-up and helped out. Agurann and Betty work to make bags of flowers into 20 centerpieces and hung balloons in 1 day amazing. Each table was so beautiful.

Paris and Jared Bates were splendid as our Gala Ball Hostess and Head Judge so perfect for the parts. They both only got a little instruction and no rehearsal but took the challenge put the kids first. You are our future family leaders.



Jimmie Tucker – You are amazing as my newsletter editor, historian, and inspiring Gala Ball guest speaker. You remind me of my dad as a detailed person, I wish he could have seen your presentation he loved history.

Tia Walton -The White Affair totally rocked. You are an awesome host and threw the greatest party. This event was great because you and Fred created a line dance that we all wanted to try. Looking forward to many more such parties!

Freddie Dunston – Thank you, for bring us a church service full of joyful praise and dinner. You planned and printed programs that included great singing from **Freda Dunston** who sings do soulfully (loved it) and **Kevin Neal** who puts a personal touch into message which makes this very relatable ministry.

Christi and Oran Hartwell who served as our official photographer and DJ let me say this was a major cost saving to our reunion, in DC there is no such thing as a reasonably priced DJ or Photographer for 1 day but serve the family all 4 days at no cost- AMAZING!

Ambro, Ambro (Malik) Jr., Robert and Andrew Martin helping me put on the 2014 reunion. I treated my men as my staff; making gift bags, water bottle labels, equipment setups, communication between 3 buses. Thank you.

I know I am missing some folks, because, like I said at the start, there was a lot of enthusiastic participation at last year's reunion so let's keep it up for the 2016 Memphis Reunion. I hope to see you there.

Love to you all,
Liz