

# Our Family Newsletter

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## Lincoln Park



## Family Reunion 2015: Chicago Style

**Who Am I?** I were a bit rambunctious. I guess some people would describe me as fearless and perhaps, maybe a bit daredevil. I loved tinkering with cars. "Vroom vroom", hear that? That's me, the guy driving the car with loudest muffler. If the speedometer say max 80mph; I am going to try for 90. If the speed limit is 60mph; I'm going to do at least 75. I always said, if I lived past 33, I were living on someone else's time. I died at 50, so when I get to hell I must remember to thank the person who time I borrowed. I guess some people would say I were a womanizer but to me women have a natural beauty that men should exploit. I always remembered what my Dad told me "never hit a woman" and I figured it's a woman prerogative to say, "Get away from me".

I married at an early age. I married a beautiful woman who was ambitious and had goals, me I was just happy working weekdays and blowing my money on weekend chasing tail (that's what we called a womanizer back in my day). I fathered six children with my wife, note I didn't say parent, I was an absentee father. Yes, there were others but how many, frankly, I am not sure. As I aged and perhaps the sixty culture of make love not war made me appreciate women more. I recalled an incident that happen to me, I was walking into Sears and ahead of me was a white woman with a gorgeous rear. All I could see was her rear, being the macho man that I am, I had to give a cat call, he turn and said I am not that kind of a guy. It was a guy with long hair and a

gorgeous rear.

I have no regrets about my life. I fought a good fight and I stood up for what I believed in. I had bragging rights. You may ask, what's bragging rights? One of my favorite phrase were, "you're crazier than a sack of road lizards". Have you ever notice when barreling down the highway, occasionally there's a lizard standing there with head in the air and just as you get close it make a run for the other side. Now, I think we would all agree that's crazy, but if the lizard make it across alive, it has bragging rights. In my social knit, I were known not to shy away from a fight and to be a loyal friend. That combination of course spelled trouble. On a couple occasion it have gotten me in trouble with the law, but using my fist, a faster car and knowing the back roads help got me the hell outta Mississippi (can't catch, can't arrest).

I wasn't out in the street marching or rioting for equality. But in my own small way I made a difference in racial equality. I was always at work on time, never missed a day unless I was truly sick. I proved that a black man can do the same construction job as white man and should be given the opportunity. I know that I am not up there with MLK or BOB, but without the unsung guys like me, what future would they have had in the land of opportunity where being born black were your albatross, something for the TNG to think about.

# Financial Statement

## Reunion 2015 Income & Expense 12/1/2013 through 10/31/2015 (Cash Basis)

Category	12/1/2013- 10/31/2015
<b>INCOME</b>	
Family Reunion Inc	
Donation	2,152.76
Event Tracker	7,890.00
Int Inc	0.32
Lifetime Membership	2,500.00
Membership Dues	2,300.00
TOTAL Family Reunion Inc	14,843.08
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,843.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Family Reunion Exp	
Bank Service Fee	90.00
Catering	4,375.45
Company Supplies	35.09
Event Entertainment	2,189.01
Event Meal	2,041.70
Event Refund	150.00
Event Suite	1,113.96
Event Supplies	815.25
Event Transport	860.57
TOTAL Family Reunion Exp	11,671.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,671.03</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>3,172.05</b>

### Financial Statement Analysis:

As you look at the financial statement, you can see why it is important to have membership paid up to cover the expenses. We collected **\$7,890.00** in the event tickets (tracker), \$150.00 and \$75.00 per ticket. Our actual expenses were **\$11,671.03**, which produced a shortage of **\$3,781.03**. However, thanks to generous donations and paid membership, we ended with a surplus of **\$3,172.06**.

As of October 31, 2015, only six members' dues are current (Otis, Mattie, James, Elaine, Jimmie and Lillie). The 2016 membership is fast approaching, we will be giving away 10 t-shirts (2015 reunion logo) to the first

10 people that pay their 2015 dues on or before December 31, 2015.

### Did you know?

1. Only paid members can vote
2. Member dues give us bargaining power (there's strength in numbers)
3. Per reunion bylaws dues are \$100.00 per person per year for 18 years and older. Or if you choose life time membership is available. For example anyone 60 and over pay \$2,500.00 for lifetime membership. See bylaws for other lifetime membership options. Dues should be sent to address on the right.

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