

# THE TRIPP-JONES FAMILY NEWS

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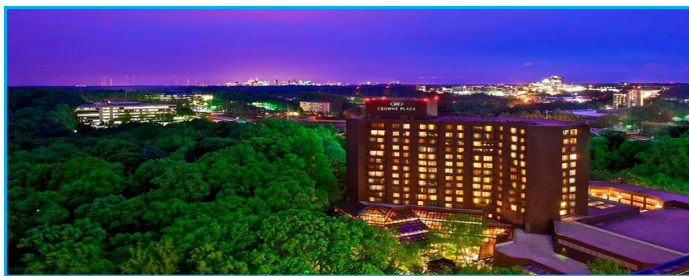
## - 2017 TRIPP-JONES FAMILY REUNION INFO -

This year's hosts for our annual incredible Tripp-Jones Family Reunion are **Ken and Barbara Ealy** of the **Atlanta District**. Ken and Barbara have a fantastic weekend of fun



Ken and Barbara Ealy

and celebration planned for us up in the Atlanta area with something for everyone. Here is some reunion info for you. The dates of the reunion are **July 14th through July 16th**. The fees are, adult and children 13 and over — **\$115**, children 4-12 — **\$60.00**, and children 3 and under are **FREE**. You can regis-



The Crown Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia

ter and pay your fees online at <https://www.payit2.com/event/89441>. We will be staying at the impressive **Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia**. The address for the hotel is 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road Atlanta, Georgia 30346. The phone numbers for the hotel are 770-395-7700 or 800-972-2404.

Here is the reunion agenda:

### Friday July 14th

7:00 am — 9:00 am Breakfast Crowne Plaza Hotel

7:00 am — 5 pm Registration at Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Hospitality Suite

6:30 pm Dinner Stars and Strikes

7:30 pm Family Meeting Stars and Strikes (**A new family president will be elected at this meeting.**)

8:30 pm — 2:00 am Bowling, Laser Tag, Pool, Bumper Cars, and Arcade at Stars and Strikes

**You can check out Stars and Strikes at [www.starsandstrikes.com/](http://www.starsandstrikes.com/)**

And yes, adult beverages will be available for individual purchase.

### Saturday July 15th

7:00 am — 9:00 am Breakfast Crowne Plaza Hotel

9:00 am — 5:00 pm Family Excursions, Fun and Games at hotel pool

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm Dinner, Formal Banquet and Recognition Ceremony

8:00 pm — 11:00 pm King and Queen Ball (**Black-tie/Formal wear**)

**Babysitting will be available in the hospitality suite**

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## FAMILY PRESIDENT COURTNEY MADDIX IS STEPPING DOWN—

Long time family president Courtney Maddix will be stepping down from his position this year. An election will be held at the family meeting Friday night at the Stars and Strikes during the upcoming family reunion to elect a new family president. We would all like to thank Courtney for his many years of service to the family. If you are interested in the position please contact Courtney at [cmaddix@gmail.com](mailto:cmaddix@gmail.com) or text/call 770-337-6273

## FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE—

If you attend the reunion this year you will be asked

to fill out a Family Information – Contact form. The forms will be available when you register at the hotel. The forms will be used to update our family information/contact database. Over the years some of the information in our family database such as mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address have become incorrect due to people moving, getting new phone numbers, etc. At this time there are several family members we actually have no contact information for. That should never happen. Going forward, we hope to make corrections/updates to the database at least on an annual basis to keep it as accurate as possible. Anyone not attending the reunion will receive a form through e-mail or postal mail.

## Happy Birthday!

**Aisha S. Hart - Dec. 21st**

**Kira Cheney —Jan 3rd**

**Xavier Ealy— Jan 12th**

**Antoine Lee — Jan 23rd**

**Courtney Maddix— Jan 26th**

**Amethyst E. Knight Feb 1st**

**ZoMia Tadzhenika Russell - Feb 4th**

**Elder Elbert Commings - Feb 4th**

**Juliana Cheney — Feb 11th**

**Pamela Hamilton — Feb 18th**

**Linda Hart - Feb 19th**

**Kayla Smith— Feb 20th**

**Twila Steward Smith — Mar 9th**

**Johkai Samuel Kitchen - Mar 12th**

**Constance Wooden — Mar 13th**

**Jonathan Jackson — Mar 17th**

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## Newest Members of the Tripp-Jones Family



SeVeyah  
Doraih Jackson  
born November  
22nd, 2016.  
Daughter of Zo-  
mia Russell.  
Granddaughter  
of Zoe Com-  
mings.



Proud grand-  
parents Ken  
and Barbara  
Ealy with twin  
grandchildren  
Waylon Xavier  
and Indi Jo  
Ealy, born Sep-  
tember 13th,  
2016 .

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## *From Lanora Barrett of the Florida District*

There is going to be a dedication service for Mrs. Rosemary Steward in Davenport, Fla. on or about her birthday which is June 8th. We, her children, are starting a "GO FUND ME" page. We need a new roof on Mamas' house, plus the house needs painting. I really don't have the funds, however I already put it out there and guess what? The paint has been donated! Since I have moved into my mothers' house there's lots of work to be done. We went to City Hall to see if the city would do a street name change, not just any name, but to our precious mother Rosemary Stewards' name to be ROSEMARY STEWARD AVENUE. We attended another meeting with the city and they graciously agreed. As many of you might know our mother was an activist and an advocate for the people of Davenport, FL. She readily and openly vocalized her opinion for the people of Davenport. She was given many accolades and awards, plaques, many write-ups in the local papers. When the dedication is held, we would like as many people that can come to please come and share with us. We will have a short/brief ceremonial service. IS THERE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM? If so, please email me at lanorabarrett@gmail.com or call me 863-256-9813 or 863-422-5467. I would love for you to be a part of this exciting celebration.

## Happy Anniversary



Sis Zoe and Elder Elbert Cummings  
Married April 15th 2016

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Ken and Barbara Ealy  
Married May 28th 2005

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Lucius and Jacque Gibson  
Married June 28th 1999

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Afrika and Tony Jackson  
Married October 27th 2015

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**Here is my interview with young family member Sintariaus Madry—Florida District. Sintariaus is the son of Roblin Madry and the grandson of Linda Kearse-Florentino of the Florida District.**



Sintariaus Madry

**Me:** What is your full name?  
**Sintariaus:** Sintariaus Ty'Ree Joseph Madry  
**Me:** Well, that's a lot of name.  
**Sintariaus:** Yes, sir.  
**Me:** Do you have a nickname?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes sir. People call me Nuke.  
**Me:** Nuke? That's unusual too. How did you get that name?  
**Sintariaus:** My mom gave it to me when I was younger. I have had other nicknames over the years but Nuke has stuck with me.  
**Me:** OK Nuke, so where do you go to school and what grade are you in?  
**Sintariaus:** I attend Brandon High School in Brandon Florida. I'm in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**Me:** A freshman. So how do you like high school?  
**Sintariaus:** I like it. I especially like hanging with my friends.  
**Me:** Do you have a favorite subject in school?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes I do. My favorite subject is acting.  
**Me:** Acting? So your school has an actual acting class?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes Sir  
**Me:** Do you have a least favorite class?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes, Emerging Tech. It's sort of like a computer class.  
**Me:** Do you participate in any extracurricular activities at school?  
**Sintariaus:** Well I do acting and a good majority of the time we focus on improv. We play acting games and also work on projects such as drama books, expertise projects, and currently we're doing monologues from popular movies, plays, and TV shows.  
**Me:** That sounds very interesting. So, what would you like to do after high school?  
**Sintariaus:** I would like to attend a performing arts school.  
**Me:** Anyone in particular?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes, I would really like to go to Julliard University.  
**Me:** Wow! You're really aiming high. Why Julliard?  
**Sintariaus:** Because even though it is very costly, it focuses on things I major in such as acting, singing, and dancing. It also gives people actual opportunities to show what they are made of and how serious this is to them.  
**Me:** So after you graduate from Julliard, what would you like to do?  
**Sintariaus:** Well, since I'm only in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade right now I'm not sure exactly what I would want to do, but definitely something in the performing arts field. Maybe I could become a choreographer because dance is another passion of mine and I'd like to teach others who would care to know more about the art.  
**Me:** Do you have any hobbies?  
**Sintariaus:** Yes, dancing, acting, and singing.  
**Me:** I was at the memorial for your grandfather Carlo when I

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**Sylvia Lankford of the Washington DC District** wrote an essay for the book *"Fresh Courage Take - New Directions by Mormon Women"* published in 2015. Her essay tells about her conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints. The title of her essay is "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." The book can be found on Amazon.com at <https://www.amazon.com/Fresh-Courage-Take-Directions-Mormon-ebook/dp/B010RD25OI>

## UPCOMING GRADUATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

**Carnijha Collins** is graduating from Fresh Start in Davenport FL on May 19th 2017  
**Chadrick Russell Jr.** Is graduating from Fresh Start in Davenport FL May 19th 2017  
**Carlos Collins** is being promoted to 9th grade  
**Trayvis Shaw** is being promoted to 5th grade

## RETIREMENTS

On November 1st 2016, **Zoe Commings** retired from State Farm Insurance with 20 years of service. This is actually Zoe's second retirement. 20 years ago she retired from AT&T after having worked there for 20 years. Congratulations Zoe!

## EXOTIC VACATIONS

**Elder Elbert & Zoe Commings** went to Honolulu Hawaii for their honeymoon. 09/16

**Elder Elbert & Zoe Commings** - 1st Anniversary Royal Caribbean Cruise to Nassau Bahamas 04/17

**Linda Kearsse-Fiorentino** recently vacationed in the Southwest of Spain and The Canary Islands.

## PERSONAL MILESTONES

**Carnijha Collins** recently employed with Legoland, Winter Haven FL

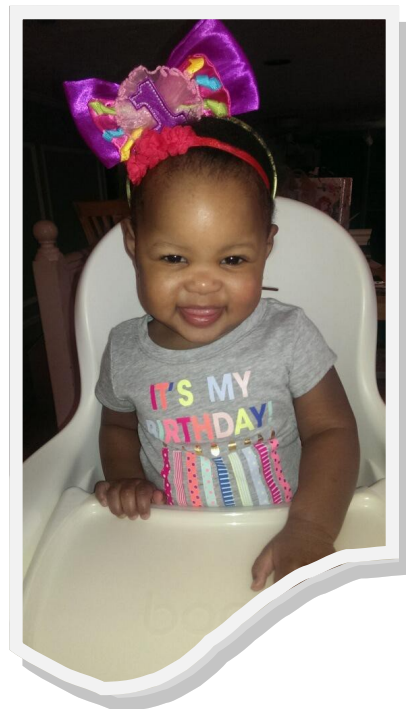
**Jarvis Whitfied** recently employed with Disney World- Magic Kingdom and Universal Studios, Orlando Fl.

**Lucius Isaiah Gibson IV** received his Florida drivers license on February 2nd 2017.

## Here's a little Tripp-Jones Family Trivia

1. How many children did Micah Tripp and Alfred Jones have?
2. Their daughter, Isabel, had how many children?

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**Happy 1st birthday Chloe Patricia Lucia Maddix March 15th 2017.**

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heard you sing. You have a beautiful voice.

**Sintariaus:** Thank-you cousin Lucius.

**Me:** Ok here are some rapid fire questions. Just give me the first answer that comes to your mind. Are you ready?

**Sintariaus:** Yes

**Me:** OK, here we go. Favorite food

**Sintariaus:** Chinese

**Me:** Favorite movie

**Sintariaus:** Sherk 2

**Me:** Favorite book

**Sintariaus:** Bone, the graphic novel series.

**Me:** Last book you read.

**Sintariaus:** Bone: Crown Of Horns, the last book in the Bone series.

**Me:** Last movie you saw.

**Sintariaus:** Corpse Bride by Tim Burton

**Me:** Ok, here is one you may have to give a little thought to. If you could have dinner with any two famous Black Americans living today or from our history who would they be and why? And where would you like to have dinner with them?

**Sintariaus:** I guess they would have to be Harriet Tubman and Tyler Perry because they are so inspirational and I love hearing about them and listening to their stories. If I could have dinner with them anywhere it would

have to be Fred's Southern Buffet. They have good food there.

**Me:** Ok Sintariaus, one last question. What do you think is the smartest thing you believe your parents have ever told you?

**Sintariaus:** That's easy, Cousin Lucius. They always tell me to never follow behind others, be independent, and remain a leader.

**Me:** That's very good advice. Well *Nuke*, thank you for spending this time with me. I really enjoyed talking to you. And good luck in your future.

**Sintariaus:** Thank-you Cousin Lucius. I had a good time talking to you too.



**Carnijha Denaé Collins is graduating from Fresh Start in Davenport Florida on May 19th, 2017**



**Proud daddy Xavier Ealy with twins Waylon Xavier and Indi Jo Ealy. Heading home from the hospital.**



**Zoe and Elbert Comings celebrating Elbert's 80th birthday on February 4th, 2017**

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## FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR FAMILY WE HAVE LOST

In December we lost Carlo Fiorentino. Carlo was the husband of Linda Kearsse-Fiorentino. Carlo and Linda had nineteen and a half wonderful years together. An incredible chef, a beautiful person, loved by everyone, Carlo will be missed.

In December we also lost **Charlie McCray**. Charlie was the long time companion of Jill Dorsett. And even though Charlie was not an *official* member of our family everyone treated him like family and I am sure Charlie felt like he was a member of our family.



**Linda and Carlo Fiorentino**



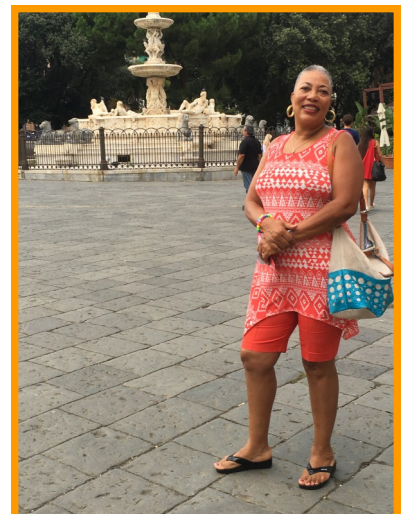
**Jill Dorsett and Charlie McCray**

### *From Linda Kearsse-Fiorentino — Florida District*

I will be celebrating my 65th birthday on April 13th in the wonderful and beautiful country of the southwest of Spain in The Canary Islands.

This is a much needed vacation and celebration, as some of you all ready know, at the end of last year, 2016 "MY BIG LOVE " Carlo, departed this earth, and made his continued life in eternity. So I'm going to continue my Earthly life enjoying it to the fullest. Carlo wouldn't have had it any other way!

I truly look forward to seeing each of you at the Family Reunion, if that's the MASTER'S Will.



**Linda Kearsse-Fiorentino in Messina, Sicily Sept 2016**

## A Brief History of Micah Tripp

Micah was born sometime between 1850 and 1863. She was the second or third daughter of Wesley Harris and Eliza Tripp. Her actual birth date is not known at this time. Census records taken in 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 give her an uneven age differential at each of these census reports. Her maternal sisters were Mollie, Sarah, and Sylvia. No other sister or brothers have been associated with Micah. Very little is known about her sisters but census records indicate that Mollie was a school teacher.

In 1865 the daughter of a plantation owner named Tripp moved from Henrico County in Virginia to Americus, Georgia. As a gift from her father she took Micah, her parents, and her sisters. Micah was believed to be about 15 years old at the time.

Micah married Alfred Jones on June 30th 1881, in Americus, Georgia. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rever-

end Thomas Steward. Micah and Alfred had thirteen children. The 1900 census records show the names of their living children as Rose, Sybil, Susan, Olivia, Lizzie, Isabel, Alfred, and Mamie Lou. We do not know the names of the other children. A fire in the early 1900 destroyed the census records and unfortunately those records may have given us the names to the other five children.

Alfred died in 1908. Micah supported her children by working as a cook. Her sisters Rose, who worked as a servant, and Olivia, who worked as a laborer, assisted her. Micah died in 1927.



Lucius Isaiah Gibson IV holding his new Florida Drivers License



Cameron Byrd wearing his Varsity basketball jacket. Cameron a 10th grader plays JV and Varsity

*(Family Trivia continued from page 5)*

- 3. Emma Lou was the daughter of which one of Micah and Alfred's children?**
- 4. When was the last time our reunion was held in Atlanta? Who was the host?**
- 5. The reunion cake has become a family tradition at the reunion. Who was the first host to have a reunion cake and when?**

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**Gabriel Gibson — Mar 18th**  
**Carnigha Denae Collins - Mar 23rd**  
**Tony Jackson Jr. - March 25**  
**Jessie Amber Symone — Apr 6th**  
**Kim McKenzie — Apr 7th**  
**Sintariaus Madry—April 12th**  
**Linda Kears-Fiorentino—April 13th**  
**Roblin Pearson—April 15th**  
**Anthony Lankford—April 19th**  
**Mamie Gibson—April 26th**  
**Geneiyah Myers Apr 26th**  
**Carl McKenzie — Apr 29th**  
**Ken Ealy—May 20th**  
**Candice Pearson— May 29th**  
**Sylvia Putman Lankford—June 4th**  
**Chadrick Russell—June 10th**  
**Jarvis Whitfield - June 29th**



**Linda Kears-Fiorentinos’  
Hot Lox and Bagel**

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## Sunday July 16th

7:00 am — 9:00 am Breakfast Crowne Plaza Hotel

—A list of area churches will be provided for those who would like to attend church—

12:00 pm — 4:00 pm BBQ Picnic with games and prizes at Brook Run Park. We will be under a covered shelter. Also available at the park is a covered playground, and a skate park plus areas for soccer, baseball, skateboarding, football, etc.

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It sounds like it’s going to be an awesome weekend. So if you haven’t made your hotel reservations, and paid your fees yet, please do so *as soon as possible*.

So ok ladies, you got a few months to get that formal evening gown together and fellas, let’s get measured for that Brunello Cucinelli tux!

*See you in July!*

## FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES

This recipe was submitted by **Linda Fiorentino**. It is for her *world famous* Hot Lox and Bagel. It requires no cooking.

Take one Bagel – precut or whole (your choice of the kind of bagel) Toasted, i.e., I prefer the multi-grain everything bagel myself!

Spread Philadelphia brand jalapeño cream cheese on both sides of your bagel.

Add Lox (salmon) 2 to 3 slices, more if you prefer.

Add two slices of a Vine ripened tomatoes.

Sprinkle some cayenne pepper to taste.

Put this together as sandwich.

And there you have it, a hot lox and bagel! Good eats, enjoy! I like it for breakfast or a light dinner meal! Buono appetito!

# AFRICAN AMERICAN FIRST

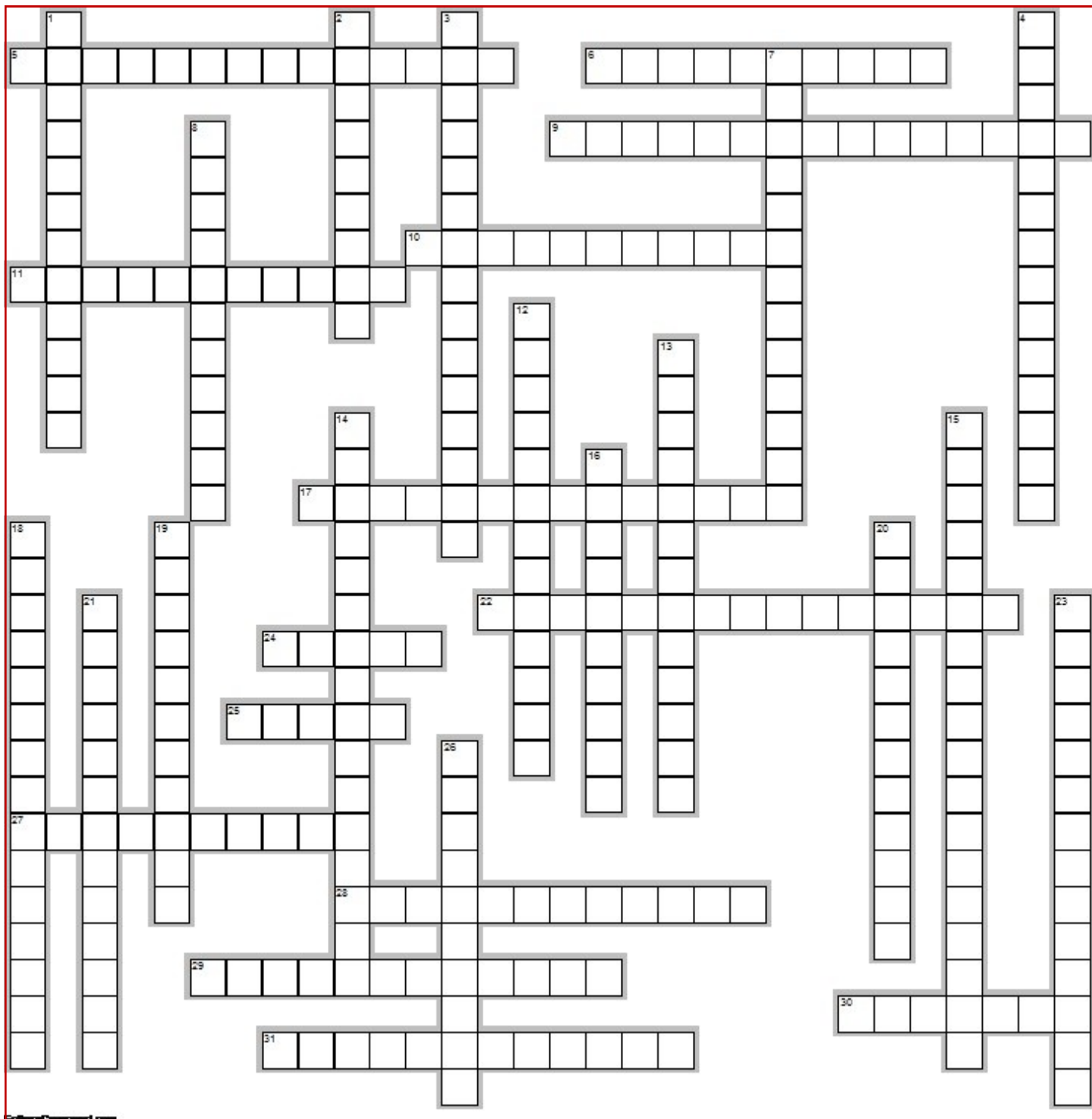
## Across

5. First African American Oscar winner
6. He was called "The Godfather of Soul"
9. First published African American poet
10. First African American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
11. He developed the blood bank
17. First African American servicemen to serve as military aviators in the U.S. armed forces
22. First African American owned and operated newspaper
24. First African American mass circulation magazine
25. City associated with "Bloody Sunday" \_\_\_\_\_ Alabama
27. First African American to win an Olympic medal in the Winter Games
28. First African American Wimbledon tennis champion
29. First African American woman admitted to the bar
30. Son of Pharaoh Piye. One of the Black Pharaohs who ruled Egypt during the 25th Dynasty
31. First African American female millionaire

## Down

1. First African American female Army general
2. He led a rebellion of slaves and free Blacks in Southampton County, Virginia on August 21, 1831
3. First African American woman to become a physician in the United States
4. First African American astronaut
7. First African American licensed pilot
8. First African American U.S. Representative to the UN
12. First African American NFL quarterback
13. First African American billionaire
14. First African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice
15. First public high school for Black students is named after him.
16. First African American female astronaut
18. Famous quote "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men"
19. First African American woman to graduate from a four year college
20. First African American woman to be appointed U.S. Attorney General
21. First African American combat pilot
23. First African American woman to win a Grammy Award
26. He invented the cotton gin

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**6. The family portrait has also become a tradition at our reunions. Who was the first reunion host to take a family portrait and when?**

**7 “Our Children Our Future” was the theme for the reunion hosted by whom? When?**

**8. Who was the first host to include a children’s table at the reunion?**

**9. Who was the first reunion host to produce handmade souvenirs?**

**10. Who was the first Tripp-Jones secretary?**

**11. When did Micah Tripp and Alfred Jones get married?**