



January 31, 2005

Greetings to all Pretzel Alumni  
from your Freeport High School Black Alumni Committee!

We are all excited about this year's reunion itinerary and hope that you have already made preparations to include us in your 2005 Memorial Day Weekend plans. It is truly hard to believe that we are celebrating our **10<sup>th</sup> FHS Black Alumni Reunion**. WOW!!! Imagine that! Ten years of reuniting with the people who made our high school years so memorable.

This year's registration begins on Friday afternoon at 3:00. Your host committee will be on hand to distribute up-to-date reunion information, tickets, T-shirts, etc. and respond to any questions regarding the fun-filled weekend. This year's reunion activities will again include a silent auction, the alumni gospel choir, improvisation/talent showcase, and of course, Market Days. The tentative schedule includes:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u> Freeport Plaza Hotel
<b>Fri., May 27</b>	3:00 – 10:00	Registration	East Lobby
	5:00 - midnight	Reception - Game Shows and Hors d'oeuvres	Banquet Room
<b>Sat., May 28</b>	10:00 – noon	Alumni Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Banquet Room
	12:30 – 2:30	Improvisation/ Jam Session/Talent Showcase (Tentative)	Banquet Room
	6:00 – 7:00	Social Hour w/ cash bar	Banquet Room
	7:00 – 9:00	Banquet – Special Recognitions etc	Banquet Room
	9:00 – 12:00	Dance	Banquet Room
<b>Sun., May 29</b>	1:00 – 4:00	Family and Friends Get-together	Banquet Room

Registration fee is \$45.00 per person for the entire weekend of fun and entertainment, and reuniting with friends and family. We will be able to hold this rate for you until April 30, 2005. On May 1 the registration fee will be \$50.00 per person. Obviously, early registrations are welcomed.

Hotel reservations can be made at the following establishments:

Country Inn & Suites (815) 233-3300 \$79.00 plus tax (per night) includes hot breakfast  
*Near intersection of South Street and West Street*

AmeriHost Inn & Suites (815) 599-8510 \$80.00 plus tax (per night) includes continental breakfast  
*Highway 26 North*

Holiday Inn Express (815) 232-4455 \$70.00 plus tax (per night) includes continental breakfast  
*Near South Street*

Freeport Plaza Hotel (815) 297-9700 \$59.00 plus tax (per night) includes continental breakfast  
*(formerly the Holiday Inn/Ramada Inn)*

Enclosed you will find the necessary registration forms for:

- Attendance at the reunion banquet and other events

- Purchasing reunion T-shirts etc. and
- Memorial funds, as well as donations to our scholarship fund. We have received our 501(3)(C) status so remember that all Memorial Fund and Scholarship donations are tax deductible.

The FHS Black Alumni Scholarship Fund has significantly increased over the past year and as a result, last year alone, we were able to distribute \$5,000 worth of scholarships to FHS graduates. This is, in part, due to generous donations but it is also due to a new event that is sponsored by your Reunion Committee. Last year, we hosted our First Ebony and Ivory Ball held at the Masonic Temple here in Freeport. This evening consisted of a formal dinner and of course, dancing to those oldies but goodies. The proceeds benefited our FHS Black Alumni Scholarship Fund and with over 200 individuals in attendance, the event was a tremendous success!

*Ebony and Ivory Invitation*  
*We would like to invite you to*  
*The Second Annual Ebony & Ivory Ball*  
*to be held on*  
*Saturday, March 5, 2005*  
*from 6:30 until midnight.*

*The attire is semi-formal/after-five and tickets are (\$25.00 per person). This year we hope to add a 50/50 raffle to the evening's activities. Please consider joining us for this event. So, polish off your dancing shoes and get ready for a evening of "steppin'" at our Ebony and Ivory Ball.*

Tickets for the Ebony and Ivory Ball are enclosed. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund via the Ebony and Ivory Ball, please make all checks or money orders payable to **FHS Black Alumni, Inc.** **Our address is**

**FHS Black Alumni**  
**PO Box 333**  
**Freeport, IL 61032.**

Reminder: Please login at: [www.fhsblackalumni.com](http://www.fhsblackalumni.com) and let others know your plans for the Ebony and Ivory Ball as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual FHS Black Alumni Reunion.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Reunion and Ball!

Yours truly,  
 FHS Black Alumni Committee

Frances Davis Ammons	Lottie Coofer Harrell	Denise Horton McIlwain	Rachel Hilton Sellers
LaFrancine McGee Baker	Barbara Pruitt Hilton	Patricia Norman	Yvette Sellers
Daisy Oliver Brown	Jean Shipp Lenoir	Ted Parker	Fantrances Terry
Elizabeth Bruce Frudge	Ralph Lenoir	Gwen Williams Salter	Teresa Williams
Greta Harrell	Arnetta Campbell McGee	Joy Harrell Sellers	