

HYATT REUNION PRESIDENT'S LETTER, 2017

INVITATION TO ANNUAL HYATT REUNION

Dear Hyatt Folks and Friends,

I hope this year has been a good one for you. Although our Nation is still going through a disturbing period, we can take comfort from the bonds of family which strengthen us in times like these. After all the story of our Hyatt family goes all the way back to before the Revolutionary War. So our family and our Nation have endured and survived in previous times of trial. That's one of many things we get together to celebrate each year at the Hyatt Family Reunion.

This year's Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 5 at 11:00 AM at the Qualla Community Center, 128 Shoal Creek Church Loop Road, Whittier, NC, just off highway 441 near Cherokee. Please bring your favorite food and Hyatt stories to share with us.

Even a brief view of our website *thehyattfamily.org* will show you what a vast improvement has been made during this year under the skillful hand and eye of Fred Liner.

On the website be on the lookout for a fascinating Hyatt story, *Ruth's Mountain*, by Leo Moon which originally appeared seven years ago in our Reunion newsletter. We will continue to use the website as our principal means of communication throughout the year between our annual reunions.

At the Reunion this year we will take time to talk about what's happening in our lives now. I want to encourage each of you to consider telling us something about your family. It could be a short humorous or serious story about yourself or one of your children or grandchildren. Also you might want to say why the Hyatt reunion is important to you

We could use some help at the Reunion. We need someone who could arrive about 10:30 AM on the morning of the Reunion to help with name tags and sign-in. The day before the Reunion we need help setting up chairs and tables so that Victoria Hyatt Sowers can "transform" the community center into a family gathering place. Finally we need someone who will take a few brief notes regarding any decisions we make including the election of new officers. If you are willing to help please contact me by phone at 828-497-1630 or email shoalcreekhyatt@aol.com.

I want to express my thanks to Fred Liner, Vice-President and Webmaster for his invaluable assistance; to Victoria Hyatt Sowers for making our meeting place so attractive; to Louisa Chapman for keeping careful notes; to Lawrence Hyatt for his continuing work as Hyatt Historian and to the Hyatt brothers, Ed and Ken, who drove all the way from South Carolina to help put the Hyatt Cemetery in presentable condition for Reunion visitors.

I look forward to seeing you on August 5.

Robert P. Hyatt, Reunion President