



NEWSLETTER

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First Cousins Women's Retreat

The First Cousins Women's Retreat held in Richmond, Virginia on the weekend of Friday, October 30, 2015 through Sunday, November 1, 2015 was one to be long remembered.

Activities were both welcoming and festive and a weekend of fun and fellowship as shown through a few of the many pictures which were captured that weekend.



Coming together for a good cause is like the abundance of rain which falls into an enormous ocean. As each drop appears insignificant, soon becomes one powerful body of water.



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Professor James Edward Gatling

Professor James Edward Gatling was born of the late William and Naomi Eley-Gatling. His mother Naomi Eley-Gatling was a sibling to the late Louvenia, Ella, Eula, and Theora, last surviving. Moving north from Murfreesboro, North Carolina settling in Baltimore, Maryland would become the birthplace of Professor Gatling. He was the youngest of six siblings.

As a young man growing up, James possessed a quest for knowledge and education. He was a graduate of Mervo Vocational Technical High School in Baltimore, Maryland. He later attended Friendship College in South Carolina. He earned an Associate of Science Degree in Accounting from Knoxville College in Tennessee.

Professor Gatling earned a degree in Business from the University of Baltimore. Later earning his Bachelor of Science in Economics from John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He went on to earn a Certification in Information Systems from John Hopkins University.

In his continued quest for knowledge and higher education, Professor Gatling travelled to London in the United Kingdom at Canbourne University to receive a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Economics.

Professor James Gatling taught at several local colleges in Maryland such as Catonsville Community College, Essex Community College, and Georgetown University. He taught subjects in Economics, Business, and Mathematics.

His professional experience lead him to gain employment at John Hopkins University as a Research Writer. At Mellon Bank in the state of Maryland, he worked as a Regulatory Compliance Specialist. He spent a part of his career at Key Bank and Trust where he worked as a Senior Lending Officer and for the United Funding Corporation he was the President and CEO.

Professor Gatling wrote two books in historical research, one in 2005; "America: Birth to Greatness and the Blackman's Contribution," an excellent read. "Building of A Nation," in 2011. He lived an exemplary life as a professional and as an educator whose story was definitely deserving of a honorable mention. He was born on July 21, 1962 and departed this life in August of 2012, may he rest in peace and his legacy serve as an inspiration.



THE PARKER/ELEY ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

NOVEMBER 27, 2015 (next Clean-Up and Easter Egg Hunt around March 26, 2016)

Help Celebrate This Year's 40th Anniversary!

(IN WOODBRIDGE, NJ)

Date Shown below on the Parker - Eley T-Shirt: July 4, 1992. The 16th Annual Celebration which goes back to 1976 - 2016. Long Live the Celebrations.....

