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Fort Lauderdale Points of Interest:

- [Beaches](#)
- [Sistrunk Boulevard](#)
- [Hollywood Oceanfront Broadwalk](#)
- [Dania Pointe](#)
- Culture and Art:
Visit the [NSU Art Museum](#) or historic [Stranahan House](#) for a touch of local history

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*You can reach us by
caravan. You can
get here by
airplane. You can
reach us by train or
car...I don't care
how you get here
just get to Fort
Lauderdale, Florida
anyway you can.*



14th Lacefield Family Reunion in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

ARE YOU READY FOR A GREAT TIME

The Reunion is scheduled for July 31st through August 3rd, 2025, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This year's Reunion committee is working hard to make your stay in Fort Lauderdale a Blast!!! Please fill out your registration forms and get them to us via email or snail mail today. Your registration forms should

be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order payable to the Lacefield Reunion, or you can Zelle the registration fees.

We have jam packed the program with activities for adults and children.

After June 26th no T-shirt orders will be accepted.

Little Known Black History Facts in Ft Lauderdale, FL

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, boasts a rich tapestry of Black history, with numerous notable facts and landmarks:

- Early Black Settlers: The city's development owes much to early Black settlers, including those who arrived as crew members on Spanish ships in the 1500s and 1600s.
- Provident Hospital: Established in 1938 by Dr. Von D. Mizell and Dr. James Sistrunk, Provident Hospital was the first medical facility in Fort Lauderdale dedicated to serving African-American patients during segregation
- Sistrunk Boulevard: this corridor is the historical heartbeat of Fort Lauderdale's oldest Black community
- Old Dillard Museum: Built in 1907, the Old Dillard Museum was the first public school for Black children in Fort Lauderdale. Today, it serves as a museum with jazz-themed exhibition spaces and hosts cultural activities that preserve the community's history and heritage.
- Eula Johnson: A prominent civil rights leader, Johnson was instrumental in efforts to end segregation in Fort Lauderdale's public beaches, schools, and restaurants. Her activism led to significant strides toward equality in the area.

Lacefield Reunion 2025 Chillin' in the Sun Itinerary

☀️ Day 1: Kickoff in the Sunshine!

Thursday, July 31st 🥳

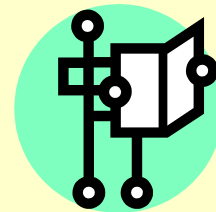
- **Registration & Meet & Greet (3PM – 8PM)**
 - Sign in as we gather for fun, light refreshments, and a warm welcome.
- **Icebreaker Games & Good Times**
 - Fun family games and activities.
 - Catch up with family members.
 - Share pictures of family members.

🚌 Day 2: Looking at History & Making Memories

Friday, August 1st 🚌

☀️ Sunshine & Smiles: *Wear Your Family T-Shirt!*

- **Let's Show Off Our Family Pride!**
 - Today's the day to rock your reunion t-shirt! Let's make this moment of *chillin'* in the sun one to remember!
- **Enjoy your Complimentary Breakfast (6 AM – 9:30 AM)**
 - Enjoy a complimentary hotel breakfast to start the day right.
- **Hop On, Let's Roll! (9:30 AM)** 🚌
 - Board the charter bus for a guided tour of local landmarks and Black historical sites.
- **Lunch Laughs, Relaxation and Fun**
 - 🥳 Take a fun break to enjoy lunch with family members you haven't connected with in a while. Share stories, laughs, and build stronger bonds over lunch. Play some fun games at the park. It's all about making memories and catching up in the best way possible!
- **Return to Dania Pointe ✨ Explore, Shop & Connect ✨ (2:30 PM)**
 - Stroll, Shop, or Just Chill with Family!
 - Explore the shops at Dania Pointe, go for a relaxing walk, or just relax around the green. Find a cozy spot to have meaningful conversations or enjoy some other fun interactive entertainment nearby. Check out your welcome bags for tips on where to go!
- 🍷 **Building Legacies Over Dinner**
 - With a variety of delicious dining options at Dania Pointe, the choice is yours!
 - Make plans to enjoy dinner with family members you haven't connected with in a while. This is more than just dinner—It's another chance to share stories, honor the past and build a legacy to shape the future of our family.



🎉 Day 3: Beachin' & Stylin'

Saturday, August 2nd 🎉

- **Rise & Shine Breakfast (7AM – 11AM)**
 - Fuel up for a day of fun at your own pace.
- **Chill Time: Beaches & Beyond (9 AM – 3 PM)**
 - Hit the sandy shores of Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, Hollywood Beach Broad Walk or even take a day trip to Miami. The day is yours!
- **Banquet Night: South Beach Chic (5 PM – 9 PM)**
 - Dress to impress in your South Beach chic evening attire and enjoy a night of music, great food, and family celebrations!
 - Be the star or just enjoy the *Fashion Show*
- 🎵 **The Night is Yours: Evening Entertainment 🎵**
 - Dance, Laugh, or Simply Relax Under the Stars!
 - Enjoy live music, comedy, or local nightlife at Dania Pointe or nearby venues. Make the most of your evening with family, whether it's dancing, having a drink, or enjoying a laid-back night of conversation.

📅 Day 4: Farewell & Future Plans 📅

Sunday, August 3rd

- **Morning Mingle Breakfast (7AM – 9AM)**
 - Last chance to share breakfast and share contact information and make plans to stay in touch.
- **Memorial Moments (9 AM – 9:30 AM)**
 - A touching service to honor and remember family members who have passed.
- **Planning the Next One! (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM)**
 - Gather for a brief family meeting to plan the next reunion and wrap up this year's event with warm hugs and sunny memories.



Don't Let the Reservation Deadline Sneak Up on You!

Reunion Fees (before June 26th)

\$120.00 Adults
\$60 Children 6 - 15 yrs old
\$0 Children 3 - 5 yrs old

Reunion Fees (after June 25th)

\$130 Adults
\$65 Children 6-15 yrs old
\$0 Children 3 - 5 yrs old

These fees will include all the fun you could possibly imagine packed into one weekend.

Registration Forms

Be sure to complete and return your registration form along with your T-shirt order.

Mail the completed registration form to:

Lacefield Family Reunion
Patricia Bryant
400 NE 195th St.
Miami, Florida 33179



You can book your room reservations, at the Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale Airport-Cruise Port, at the Lacefield Reunion rate of \$129 for 2, \$139 for 3, and \$149 for 4 guests per night. *These rates are available until Friday, July 4th.*

Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-954-924-9204 or use the link to make a reservation online.

Tell the reservationists that the Group Codes is **LACE25**.

The Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale Airport-Cruise Port is



Reunion T-Shirts

Reunion T-shirts will be available for you and your family to commemorate this fourteenth family reunion.

Please let us know the quantity and sizes of shirts you want for you and your family members. Shirts will be distributed in Ft. Lauderdale with your registration package.

located at 180 SW 18th Avenue, Dania, Florida, 33004.

The hotel is off I-95, three miles from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport via the hotel's **free shuttle**.

Oakwood Plaza and Dania Pointe Mall are a short walk away.

It is less than seven miles from downtown Fort Lauderdale.

The Hotel has a fitness center and outdoor pool.

The cost for your T-shirts is \$20 for adults (\$23 XXL) and \$15 for children. The cost can be added when you pay for your registration fees, or it can be submitted separately. **We will not be able to order T-shirts after June 26th**, so send your orders in today with your registration.



Annual Fashion Show

The Lacefields are both talented and fashionable. As such, we want you to participate in the family fashion show. Please let us know by July 15th

if you plan to participate. Plan to attend the Lacefield Family Fashion Show.

We're on the Web! See us at: <https://lacefield.org/>

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More information



Have questions? Call

Patricia Bryant
(786) 208-9773

E-Mail:
FlaLacefield25@gmail.com

Additional Names - Please send us the names, addresses and phone numbers of family members who have not received this mailing. We also need e-mail addresses.

Send the names and addresses to
Rupert Graham Jr.
rupert@rfgraham.com.

We want to make sure that as many Lacefields as possible know about this and future reunions.

Family History

Rupert Graham, Jr., along with others, will present the Lacefield Family history so we can know how it all began for us.

Please fill out an updated Lacefield Family Tree Data Sheet so we can keep our Family Tree as accurate as possible.

We still need help...

Do you want to help with the fashion show or other areas of the reunion? Can you find some free samples to put in the registration bags?

If you can think of anything that you want to do to help out, we'd appreciate your support. Just give us a call or send an e-mail.

Auction

Don't forget to bring with you to Ft. Lauderdale a \$10 to \$15 (or more, if you insist) souvenir from your home area to donate for the auction. We need your support to make this a successful fundraiser. This activity has always been one of the reunion highlights.

Don't forget to bring your donations for the auction.

This auction is always a fun and interactive event.

Come enjoy the fun!

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