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Year 2012 Creole Annuitants Reunion
Wednesday, 23, May ... Saturday, 26, May 2012

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
300 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Phone Number 1-504-581-1300

December 9, 2011

Dear: Annuitants, Sons, Daughters, Friends and Guests,

The 42nd Annual Creole Reunion is scheduled for the Year 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel, New Orleans. The hotel is located in the downtown area overlooking the Mississippi River, across the street from the French Quarter, Harrah's New Orleans Casino, Canal Place Shopping area, and within walking distances of the Aquarium of the Americas and many other Riverfront attractions.

We obtained a discounted rate (from \$129 to \$119) as the sleeping room rates for both single and double rooms at \$119, plus state and local taxes currently 13% and a \$2 occupancy tax. This totals **\$136.47** per night (Room \$119 + Tax \$15.47 + Occupancy \$2.00.)

Downtown parking is limited. The DoubleTree Hotel provides only Valet (in and out) parking as they have no self-parking garage. The car or SUV Valet parking is available, at a discounted rate (from \$30 to \$25) or \$25 plus a 13% tax. This totals **\$28.25** per day (Valet parking \$25 + Tax \$3.25). This price is competitive with others in the area. Event parking for the DoubleTree is \$12.00 inclusive of the tax.

At the Airport, a **Shuttle is available** (outside baggage claim) at \$13.00 per person each way. Phone number to "Airport Shuttle Company" is **(504) 522-3500**. **Taxi** rides are \$28.00 (one way) for 2 people and \$13.00 for each additional person.

All room reservations are to be made directly by calling the DoubleTree Hotel toll-free number **1-800-222-8733** and identify our Creole Group number as **CAA**. The FAX number is **1-504-523-6536**. As an accommodation the DoubleTree offers a web page address at: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSYTCDT-CAA-20120520/index.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The Committee has contracted about 60 rooms (200 room nights) for our four-day reunion. Extra rooms may be available at our contract rate if not previously reserved by the hotel ... but only until April 25, 2012.

We urge everyone to make an early reservation.
(This is important because of the limited rooms available.)

Golf ... We have made no golfing arrangements.

Special Venezuelan Guest Program ... This is a reminder that several members are yet to send in their 2011 contribution of \$58 to: Jerry Sanderson, 8001 E. Willowbrook Rd., Wichita, KS, 67207.

This year, we are scheduling two banquets at 7 PM, Friday May 25, 2012 and 7 PM, Saturday, May 26, 2012. The banquet dinners seating will be at tables for **EIGHT** people, and based on our usual sign-up sheets. These sign up sheets will be provided in the Hospitality Room.

REGISTRATION

DoubleTree Crescent Ballroom 16th Floor

Daily ... Wednesday through Saturday

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

BAR SERVICE IS AT THE DOUBLETREE CASH BAR LOCATED IN THE CRESCENT BALLROOM HOSPITALITY ROOM ON THE 16TH FLOOR.

(The prices for liquor and soft drinks will be posted at the bar. Beer, wine, and hard liquor may be limited to a "Happy Hour" period because of the high cost of having full time bar service.)

Wednesday, May 23rd

Activities include bridge and liars dice

Dinner is on your own

Thursday, May 24th

Activities include bridge and liars dice

Dinner is on your own

Friday, May 25th

Activities include bridge and liars dice

Banquet Dinner is at 7 PM in the International Ballroom on the 16th Floor.

Our after-dinner speaker will be named in your welcoming letter.

Saturday, May 26th

The Creole Annuitants Association business meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. in the Crescent Hospitality Room. We urge all annuitants/spouses/sons/daughters/friends/ and guests to attend this meeting.

The Banquet is at 7 PM in the International Ballroom on the 16th Floor.

Our after-dinner speaker will be named in your welcoming letter.

In response to dress questions, coat and tie are recommended.

The Committee is interested in any and all suggestions for future reunion sites. If the site suggested is in your home town we would appreciate your help in acquiring details of the site. Please consider that "suitable" reunion sites include: room rate around \$90/\$120 direct flights, within reasonable driving distance, hospitality room, beverage bar, banquet dinners for 100/150 people.

We hope that you have an enjoyable time during this reunion.

Your Committee

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CREOLE REGISTRATION – YEAR 2012 REUNION
Wednesday, 23 May ... Saturday, 26 May, 2012

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300 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70140

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

Names of Guests: _____

ADDRESS (If different from the address label):

Telephone No.: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

I/We plan to attend the Reunion and will arrive by: () Air () Car

I/We plan to stay at the DoubleTree Hotel: () Yes () No

Enclosed is my check for the following:

Registration: \$10.00/Person; \$20.00/Couple \$ _____

Guest Registration: \$10.00/Person \$ _____

Banquet: Friday, May 25th (\$60.00 each) \$ _____

Banquet: Saturday, May 26th (\$60.00 each) \$ _____

(In response to dress questions, coat and tie are recommended.)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please send check for the total amount, payable to **CREOLE ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**, at the above letterhead address.

Bar Fees: Hotel Cash Bar for all drinks in the Hospitality Room,
and at the Banquet wine bar.

I/We do not plan to attend the reunion, but wish to remain on the mailing list.
Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 to help defray mailing and other costs as a
MEMBERSHIP FEE.

For full refund, please advise the Committee by May 1, 2012.

Please print the name(s) you wish on your Name Badges:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Please note any celebrations (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) during this reunion:

What: _____

For Whom: _____

Family Member on Active Military Service: _____

Please write a short comment of any amusing Creole incident that you would like to share.

Your Committee