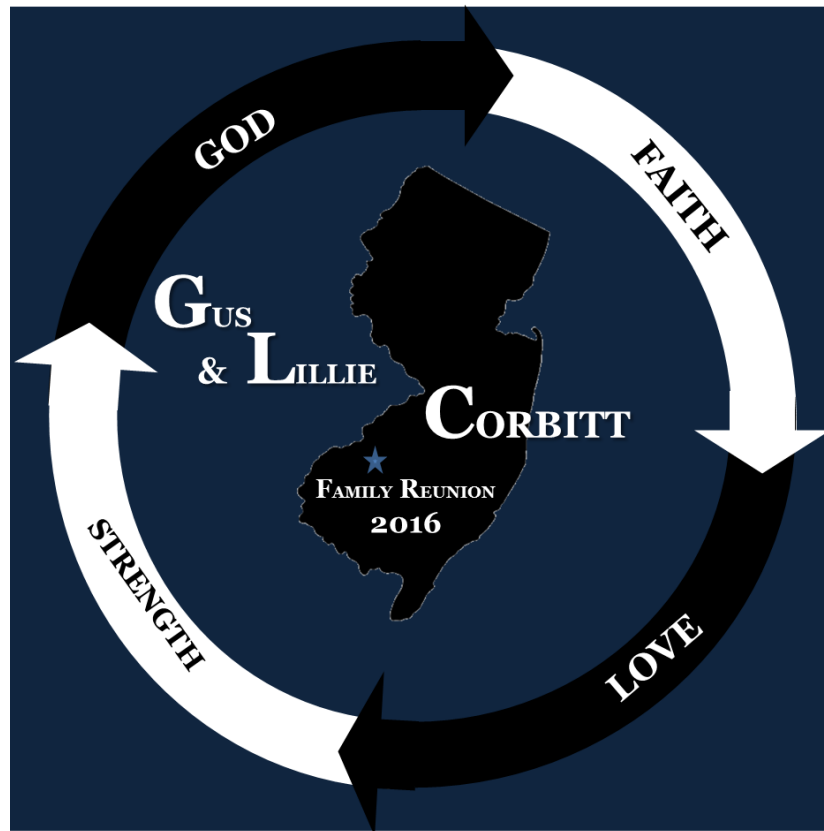


*Welcome to the 2016  
Gus & Lillie Corbitt Family Reunion  
“A Weekend of Praise and Purpose”  
July 22 – 24, 2016  
Glassboro, New Jersey*



*The Corbitt Family  
“A circle of **STRENGTH**  
Founded on **FAITH**  
Joined by **LOVE**  
Kept by **GOD!**”*

**Office of the Mayor  
Township of Winslow**



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, GUS and LILLIE CORBITT** were married on January 10, 1910 in South Carolina. Their union blessed them with fourteen (14) children; **Willie, Casper, Levi, Karen, Gwendolyn, Leomia, Azalyn, Zenobia, John, Louis, Eugene, Sylvester, Wyman and Asenath;** and

**WHEREAS,** after becoming adults, some of the children remained in South Carolina, and others moved to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and Washington, D.C to begin their lives; and

**WHEREAS, Asenath,** lovingly referred to as “**Aunt Sena**” and her brother **Wyman** are the last two living children of **Gus and Lillie Corbitt;** and

**WHEREAS,** the **Corbitt** family currently enjoys four generations, consisting of 55 grandchildren; 157 great-grandchildren; 32 great-great grandchildren; 6 great-great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and

**WHEREAS, Gus and Lillie** passed on to their children strong family values, that became the building blocks the Corbitt family has lived by for years, beginning with life, love, unity, faith and security; and

**WHEREAS,** this year’s family reunion’s theme is, “**THE CORBITT FAMILY - A circle of STRENGTH. Founded on FAITH, joined by LOVE, kept by GOD!**”

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Township of Winslow, on behalf of the Township Committee and all citizens hereof, I, Barry M. Wright, Mayor of the Township of Winslow proclaim **Friday, July 22 – Sunday July 24, 2016** as:

**“CORBITT FAMILY WEEKEND”**

**PROCLAIMED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2016.

*Barry M. Wright*

**Barry M. Wright, Mayor  
Township of Winslow**



## *A Message from the Chairperson*

*Dear Family,*

*The time is here!*

*Welcome to the 2016 Gus and Lillie Corbitt Family Reunion! It has been an amazing opportunity to work with the Northeast 2016 Executive Committee. I would like to thank my immediate family, my husband and my children, for their support and sacrifice.*

*I'm looking forward to a great time on this special weekend; a weekend to remember! I'll be all over the place the next few days, but here are some helpful hints on where you can track me down:*

*On Friday night, mingling with the family at the banquet; on Saturday afternoon at Tall Pines Park playing horse shoes or canoeing in the lake; Saturday night at the "Chat & Chew" with Aunt Sena; and Sunday saying goodbye to the family with lots of hugs and then off to church.*

*Thanks to my family with lots of love and God's blessings!*

*Teresa Corbett Supplee*





## *A Message from the Vice Chairperson*

*We're finally here, Family!*

*I anticipate you will have a great time this weekend. It's been a labor of love working with my fellow Executive Committee members on bringing this reunion to its fruition.*

*What an incredible opportunity we have to bond, connect and celebrate our legacy. I'll be all over the place the next few days but here are some helpful hints on where you can track me down:*

*On Friday night, the dance floor; Saturday afternoon, at the golf site with Sean Mack conducting a golf swing clinic at the driving range for interested family members and Sunday, giving praise and honor to God.*

*Thanks again for the opportunity to share in this experience.*

*Best regards,*

*Kelvin*





## *A Message from the Technologist*

*Greetings Family,*

*For those of you that do not know who I am, I am Damion Johnson, AKA "Tariq." I am the fourth grandchild of Leomia Corbett Johnson and my mother's name is Bernice, (Leomia's second eldest daughter).*

*I would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a pleasure to be a part of such a grand event, the Gus and Lillie Corbett Family Reunion. As you may know my role was deemed as "The Technologist," a role by which I was surprisingly nominated for by Walee, Leomia's eldest grandson. With pleasure and nervousness, I accepted. Being a part of an Executive Team comes with a HUGE responsibility. One of which I am appreciative to have been nominated. Being the technologist, I could sit in the background and not take any part of the limelight. My experiences have been for me to be an evaluator, organizer, streamliner and enforcer when necessary. Thankfully the latter was not necessary. I found that the tasks at hand were quite simple. There was just a need to do some simple basic things and the rest fell right into place.*

*Almost everything we did and are doing for you regarding the first reunion in NJ we wanted you to be excited about. Not to mention do it slightly different from the last or previous reunions. Never hosting a reunion in NJ was huge for us. We needed to make it memorable. Not necessarily to be better but definitely something to remember.*

*With that being said, I would like to say welcome to the 2016 Gus and Lillie Corbett Family with a Jersey twist.*

*Where will you be able to find me during the reunion? On Friday night, I will be on the dance floor with a glass in one hand and the camera in another attempting to capture every moment imaginable; On Saturday, you can find me wherever the laughter, fun and action are; and on Sunday, praising the Lord.*

*With Love*

*Tariq*





## *A Message from the Communications Strategist*

*Greetings, Family!*

*I could not have asked for a more perfect way to celebrate my birthday (July 20<sup>th</sup>) than to be in the presence of so many relatives.*

*With so much to do behind the scenes to ensure this weekend's success, you'll be hard pressed to find me. But do note that on Friday evening when the Cha-Cha Slide is played I'll be there; At Tall Pines Park you can find me on a canoe leisurely rowing across the lake; Saturday evening I'll be sitting at the right knee of Aunt Sena soaking up her reflections via the Chat-n-Chew; and on Sunday, I'll be in the lobby sniffing and sobbing as I watch everyone depart for home.*

*Super-duper thanks to my fellow Executive Committee members. If we were not related, I would have to adopt you. We're forever linked by this moment.*

*Again, thanks for the BEST birthday present ever!*

*Walee*





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### Grandma & Grandpa's Babies

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## About Our Family

### The Family History The Corbitt's Family Lineage

God in his infinite wisdom planted the Corbitt seeds of life for many generations to come. Back on March 7, 1887 a second boy child was born to Joseph and Laura Rosanna M. Corbitt. They named him Gussie Lowman. While Gus was growing up with his brothers and sisters namely: John Ben, Dearse, Robbie, Lossie, Ollie and Eva, little did he realize that he would become a man among men. Gus was large in stature. He attended the public schools of Aiken County and did some studies at Benedict College. He met and courted Lillie Elizabeth Schofield. We can only imagine the sparks of love that ignited between them, for on January 10, 1910 Gus and Lillie were united in Holy matrimony, a very pretty lady at 18 and a gentleman at 23. No matter the age, the bond of love was made that would last until only death would part them. From this union, 14 children were born. They all survived way into adulthood. The children were Willie, Casper, Levi, Karen, Gwendolyn, Leonia, Azalyn, Zenobia, John Henry, Louis, Eugene, Arthur Sylvester, Wyman Lowman, and Asenath Elizabeth. Gus and Lillie worked on a farm to raise their family.




Gus and Lillie joined the Oakey Spring Baptist Church at very early ages. Gus' ancestors were involved in the founding of Oakey Spring Baptist Church. Gus served as a Deacon, Clerk, and Superintendent of the Church for more than 35 years. They instilled in their children, family, church and spiritual values, because every Sunday morning - Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall - Gus and Lillie carried their children to Sunday School and Church. Those were the horse, mule, wagon and buggy days. In those days it was not uncommon for the Corbitt family to strike up a tune singing spirituals or singing notes during the week at home and Sunday morning in church. Also, in those days we had what you call a Sunday school choir, note singing, and children day and Gus just loved to walk around the altar and shout.

Because both parents were church oriented and Christians, their many church attributes were passed on to their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. These skills and spiritual values are being carried out today by their descendants.


Gus died on October 18, 1955 at the age of 68 and Lillie died on January 7, 1997 at the age of 104. Through love, fellowship, family, and spiritual values that have been passed down to us, the unity of this family shall continue to grow stronger with each new generation.

### A Circle of God, Strength, Faith and Love

Without God, there is no Faith. Without Love, there is not Strength  
Without Gus and Lillie, there is no Us...We Are the Corbitt Family Descendants

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			Arthur Johnson
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			Rosetta Corbett
Walter Jackson	Wayne D. Hart	Willie Eva Corbett	

### Oakey Spring Missionary Baptist Church



#### Oakey Spring Missionary Baptist Church

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God calls into being His own people for obedience to His will and to His mission everywhere in the world. In Jesus Christ, He created the church, which is forever being empowered and renewed by the Holy Spirit. He constitutes a community bound together in faith, hope and love united to its one Savior and Lord, and commissioned to serve Him in the service of men.

Accepting the faith, hope and love of the early Saints, the Oakey Spring Missionary Baptist Church had its beginning under a Brush Arbor. Brothers Osborne Corbett, Ednon Felder, Abraham Johnson, Louis Woodward, and Jake Schofield organized it. Rev. John Williams was called as Pastor on October 8, 1870.

Nine acres of land was purchased and a frame structure was built. Bounded on the North and on the East by land of Otis Williams, on the South by land of Proctor, and on the West by land of Quattebaum and Brown. It is recorded in the Orangeburg County Courthouse, Book 327, and Page 389. In 1990, Patrick Williams donated land for the use of burial plots.

Five churches have been organized from this church: Sardis, Samaria, Antioch, Gospel Temple and Flora Branch.

*The 2016 Corbitt Family Reunion*  
*Executive Committee*  
*humbly presents...*  
*An Evening of Praise and Purpose*

*Greetings & Welcome*  
*Traveling Mercies*  
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*Teresa Corbett Supplee*  
*Bernice Johnson*  
*Kelvin Mack*  
*Asenath Ferguson*  
*Tariq & Walee*  
*Teresa Corbett Supplee*







*Dear Corbitt Family,*

*We welcome you to our home at the Courtyard by Marriott Glassboro! We are truly grateful to you for your visit here and hope you create many memorable moments. Congratulations to the Executive Committee on all the coordinating efforts done to successfully bring the Corbitt Family Reunion to the beautiful state of New Jersey. Enjoy your stay here!*

*Reginald DeVose  
Food and Beverage Director  
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*Greetings, Corbitt Family*

*Welcome to New Jersey and in particular, **Tall Pines Day Camp, Picnic and Retreats**. I've had the distinct pleasure of working with your 2016 Executive Committee to ensure that your time spent at our facility is fun-filled.*

*I understand that your reunion's communication strategy includes a website and monthly newsletters which have highlighted our scenic grounds. So come prepared to enjoy the swimming, golf, tennis courts, lake, and of course the food!*

*We at **Tall Pines Day Camp, Picnic and Retreats** hope to capture the essence of your family reunion, and create the opportunity to build memories that last a lifetime for all of your attendees.*

*Best regards,*

**Sara Redfield**

Picnic Director

Tall Pines Day Camp, Picnics & Retreats

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It is with great pleasure to have this opportunity to welcome the Corbitt family to New Jersey. During your stay here please enjoy everything that is planned for you!

When Teresa told me that her family was coming to NJ for her family reunion, I became very excited.

Here is the perfect poem for this wonderful occasion.

### *A Family Reunion*

*A family reunion  
is a time to remember,  
a time to laugh,  
a time to celebrate...  
a time to share old stories  
and make new memories*

*a time to see each other  
and the new faces all around us  
and find reflections of ourselves  
in hearts both young and old*

*A reunion is coming together  
that strengthens the bond of family  
and reminds us of the gift  
of belonging*

*A chance to share our history.  
A reason to celebrate our past.  
A time to welcome our future...  
as a family.*

Enjoy your stay!

Love..... Kimberly Sellers  
Owner and Hairstylist of The Perfect Touch Hair Salon  
1951 N BHP, Williamstown, NJ 08094

*To Teresa and the visiting Corbitt family,*

*May you guys have a heartwarming reunion and lots of fun here in New Jersey. Make sure you visit the BEST beauty supply store in the whole South Jersey area, the one and only, "Winslow Beauty Supply" store. Just to make sure you have the best time, Winslow Beauty Supply will provide 10% off any purchase made through July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to all the Corbitt Family members.*

*May God bless all of you Corbitt Family.  
Bruce & Irene, Owner of Winslow Beauty Supply Store*

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*Congratulations, Teresa, on the work you and your Executive Committee have done in bringing the Corbitt Family Reunion to New Jersey. Family Reunion is a joyful time, something you will remember many years later. I am 87 years young, and still remember our family reunion when I was a child. Keep up the good work. Enjoy!*

*Emily L. Grady,  
Independent Sr. Sales Director  
Mary Kay Cosmetics*

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*Hello Corbitt family, and welcome to New Jersey, "The Garden State." I hope you have the opportunity to visit St. Matthew's Baptist Church to hear the encouraging and enlightening sermon of our Pastor, Dr. Raymond M. Gordon, Sr. while you are here.*

*Ms. Janet Nixon, Church Attendee*



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June 4, 2016

Our families sustain and nurture each individual, regardless of age. It is our organization's (Oranges and Maplewood; NAACP) hope that the "Corbitt Family" continue the legacy that the elders have established. Upon your return to your homes remember that in November, all eligible citizens must vote for a candidate of their choosing.

If a family member is not registered to vote, please remind all members of the struggle that our community engaged to have the right to vote. Each opportunity to vote is a thank you to our ancestors.

While in New Jersey, enjoy our "Garden State." Raise a toast to Brother Walee and his committee for making your stay in New Jersey, the best possible experience. Follow our organization on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Oranges-Maplewood-NAACP-114381695304155/>

Tom Puryear, President



*On behalf of The Joetta Clark Diggs Sports Foundation,  
I would like to thank you for being a friend of the  
Foundation over the years. We appreciate all of that  
you do for us, your job and in the community. I know  
your family is very proud of you because we are.  
Have fun and enjoy your family and their rich  
history.*

*Continued Blessings  
Joetta Clark Diggs  
Executive Director, JCDSF  
4-Time Olympian  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRuvVqvormM>*

*Regards,  
Madame Olympian  
Joetta Clark Diggs  
1988, 1992, 1996 & 2000 Olympian  
NJ Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2013  
President, Joetta Sports & Beyond, LLC  
Executive Director, JCDSF  
Author, Joetta's "P" Principles for Success  
[www.joettasportsandbeyond.com](http://www.joettasportsandbeyond.com)*



*The Corbitt Family,*

*Wishing you and your family a blessed reunion!  
Hoping that you enjoy the Garden state and all we  
have to offer.*

*Dawn Fitch  
President  
Pooka Pure & Simple*

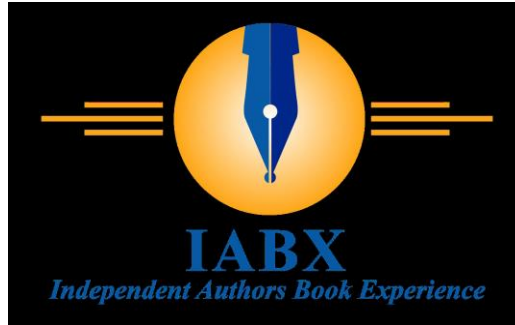
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Welcomes

The Corbitt Family  
to  
New Jersey

Wishing you a great family reunion.  
Your participation in our annual event was greatly  
appreciated.

We hope to see you and your family at our  
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*Corbitt Family,*

*We salute you and your reunion crew for bringing the  
Corbitt Family Reunion to New Jersey.*

*The New Jersey Highlanders are a group of card  
players who have bonded and become like family  
through the game of pinochle.*

*We understand family ties and extend an invitation  
to The Corbitt Family to become a part of our  
“family.”*

*We know what Walee is capable of and we're sure you  
will have an amazing experience.*

*Once again, welcome and enjoy!*

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**The NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDERS PINOCHLE ASSOCIATION**

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**Vice President:** Alonzo Cotton

**Secretary:** Janet Cooke

**Treasurer:** Kim Cotton

**Seargent-At-Arms:** Howard Bly

**Members:**

Denise Elbeck

Walee Jackson

Daryl Parraway



## We Are...

Welcome to Shades of Recovery, Inc. We are a non-profit organization that provides low cost, accessible retreats to women in the recovery process. Feel free to browse around the site, read about our history, check out our upcoming events page and join us for one of our life-changing events.

## Upcoming Events

Our events are designed to empower individuals through spiritual, mental, physical and emotional guidance. Each event is unique in that it provides an opportunity for women in recovery to have access to affordable retreats. Please join us for our wonderful, life changing events.

### Brother Walee,

*Shades of Recovery and Promises Delivered extend hearty congratulations to you and your Executive Team for bringing the 2016 Corbitt Family Reunion to New Jersey this summer.*

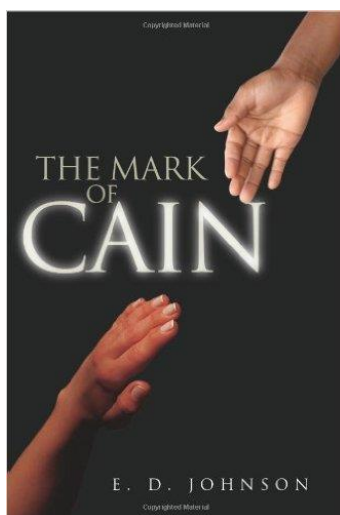
*Shades' thanks you so much for the financial and emotional contributions you have made to our organization over the years via the **Leomia's Love Foundation**, aptly named after your grandmother. Your assistance has enabled us to put forth a women's spiritual weekend retreat.*

*Promises' always look forward to seeing you at our annual Distinguished Gents and Women of Distinction luncheons.*

*May you and the visiting Corbitt family have a joyous time during your reunion, and may you reflect favorably upon the experience after you settle in back in at home.*

Website: <http://shadesofrecovery.org/>





*To Walee, Tariq, Howard, Bernice, Barbara and the rest of the Corbitt family*

*Thanks for allowing your mother/grandmother, Leomia, affectionately known as, "Mommy Johnson," to be a part of my life. Hosting her annual birthday dinners was truly a joy and an honor. Be sure to get your boogie on Friday evening as you know she would be doing the same!*

*Respectfully*

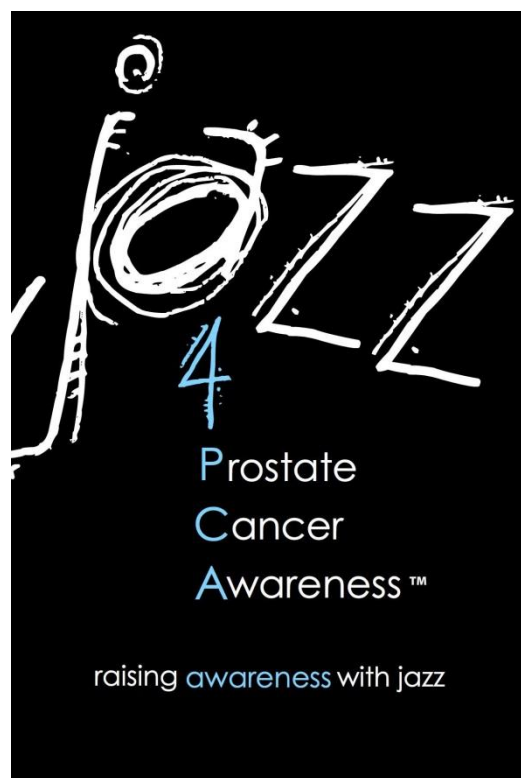
*Earl, "E.D." Johnson, Author of "The Mark of Cain" and "The Grief Merchants"  
Honorary son of Leomia Johnson*

*Walee, may you and your visiting Corbitt family have a great time in our wonderful state of New Jersey! Thanks for your continued support!*

*Ralph Stowe, Founder, Jazz for Prostate Cancer Awareness,  
[www.jazz4pca.org](http://www.jazz4pca.org)*

**Jazz for Prostate Cancer Awareness™** was birthed in honor of NYC's Jazz legend, trombonist **James "Jimmy" Stowe**, who succumbed to prostate cancer at the end of a five year battle at age 61. During his treatment, his brothers Phillip, Ralph, and Wendell, respectively, at ages 53, 46, and 61, each had undergone a successful prostatectomy, precipitated by the benefits of an early cancer screening.

Encouraged by his urologist, Dr. Isaac Kim, Ralph quickly became an advocate for the education and early detection of this men's health epidemic. Conclusively, it was his brother James' influence within the jazz community that impelled Ralph to launch the **Jazz for Prostate Cancer Awareness™** fundraising campaign in his honor.



*The 2016 Corbitt Family Reunion Executive Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to make this weekend a success.*

*Your phone calls, text messaging, and social media connections were well utilized ensuring that our network and influence were steady and continual. We readily pass the baton to the next team to put forth the succeeding reunion.*

*Please call upon us to assist in any manner necessary. As a family, each one must reach one and teach one.*

*Peace and Blessings,  
Teresa, Kelvin, Tariq & Walee*

