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# 'Back in the Day' Reunion

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some supplies will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own dishes and non-alcoholic beverages, utensils and chairs. The event will feature games, music, entertainment, and socializing with old friends.

"We want to gather together the people we grew up with, people who were born and raised in Vancouver," said Kay Swar Grant, one of the planners. The public is invited to join in the festivities.

Grant's parents, Henry and Margie Swar, were among workers from all over the U.S. who came to Vancouver and Portland after Pearl Harbor to build up the fleet at the Kaiser shipyards.

A grass-roots effort to document some of these migration stories resulted in a book, "First Families of Vancouver's African American Community: From World War Two to the Twenty-First Century."

After the book's release in April 2012, descendants of the families decided to launch an annual celebration.

Vancouver had almost no African American population before Henry Kaiser built his shipyard here in 1942. By the time the war ended, this city felt like home to many of the newcomers. They chose to stay in Vancouver and put down roots.

Now dispersed throughout the larger community of Clark County and southwest Washington, these

longtime residents often lament that they see each other only at funerals.

"It was really starting to bother us," said Juanita Young. "We kept telling each other, 'We have to stop meeting like this!'"

The 2012 reunion drew about 100 people from Vancouver and Portland. Grant, Young, and others have been meeting since May to organize this year's event.

"Portland's African American community has its celebrations," said Jane Elder Wulff, co-founder with Cornetta Smith of the First Families project and author of the book. "Along with NAACP's new Juneteenth observance, the Back in the Day Reunion is a great way for Vancouver to celebrate its own diverse history."

# RELIGION



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