



PLATINUM RHYTHMS

70 Years
— of —
Sisterhood and Soul



Carrousels National Convention
June 25 -28, 2026
Peabody Hotel, Memphis

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Welcome!

Welcome to Memphis!

On behalf of the Memphis Chapter, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 2026 Carrousel Inc. Annual Convention, Platinum Rhythms: Celebrating 70 Years of Sisterhood and Soul. We are thrilled to host our phenomenal Carrousel Sisters in Memphis, a city full of rhythm, rich history, culture, and legendary Southern hospitality. This milestone moment is both a tribute to our legacy and a bold embrace to what's ahead, and there's no place better to celebrate than the Bluff City. Our chapter is pouring heart, strategy, and a whole lot of love into creating a convention that feels meaningful, elevated, and most importantly – fun! Get ready for a soulful, stylish, and fun-filled convention – Memphis style.

See you in Memphis!

Dana Pointer
Memphis Chapter President
Carrousel, Incorporated



Dear Carrousel Sisters,

The wait is over—registration is officially open for the 60th Carrousel National Convention! On behalf of the Carrousel of Memphis, I am thrilled to invite you to the iconic Peabody Hotel for Platinum Rhythms: 70 Years of Sisterhood and Soul. This milestone celebration will feature a thoughtfully curated lineup of signature events and cultural experiences that capture the soul of Memphis and the rich legacy of our sisterhood.

As we mark 70 years, we will honor our Founders, Past Presidents, and the generations of Carrousel women whose vision and dedication built the legacy we cherish. The Memphis Chapter has poured its heart into planning an unforgettable weekend filled with elegance, live music, laughter, dancing, and meaningful connection. Now it's time to register, plan those fabulous wardrobes, and join us June 25–28 as we Carrousel in Memphis!

I cannot wait to welcome you as we celebrate our history, our sisterhood, and create unforgettable memories—together.

With excitement and sisterly love,

Vanecia Belser Kimbrow, Esq., Chair,
60th National Convention ~ Carrousel, Inc.
Memphis Chapter



THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2026

70th Anniversary High Tea

1st Seating: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2nd Seating: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Step into an afternoon of elegance as we celebrate 70 Years of Sisterhood with a classic High Tea experience. Enjoy beautifully appointed tables, fine china, curated teas, delicate pastries, and savory bites in a setting that honors grace, tradition, and legacy. This refined gathering is a perfect opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and celebration.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Chez Philippe Restaurant

Attire: Timeless & Refined, Classic High Tea Sophistication

Cost: \$150.00



Bold, Beautiful, and Black: A Soulful Night at the Historic Lorraine Motel

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This unforgettable evening weaves together culture, history, and celebration in a way only this city can. Set at the iconic National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, guests will gather for a thoughtfully curated experience honoring Black excellence, resilience, and legacy. The night features guided museum tours, phenomenal live performances, elevated Memphis cuisine, crafted cocktails and local brews. You are sure to have special moments of reflection rooted in history and pride. Come dance under the stars and the powerful backdrop of a national landmark. This signature Memphis experience promises to be both meaningful and joy-filled—an evening that will linger long after it ends.

Location: National Civil Rights Museum
450 Mulberry St, Memphis, TN 38103

Attire: Elevated Casual / Sophisticated Social

Cost: \$195.00



The Afterglow – Peabody Rooftop Party

9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

As the night continues, ascend to the Peabody rooftop for an elevated celebration under the Memphis skyline. Sip, sway, and shine as the city lights set the stage for connection, music, and unforgettable memories.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Rooftop

Attire: Elevated Casual / Sophisticated Social



FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2026

Executive Board Breakfast

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

A decadent plated breakfast prepared by the renowned Peabody Hotel Chefs, brings together our organization's leadership for fellowship and nourishment before a day of business.

No charge: Founder, National Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Alternates

Members / Guest À La Carte: \$65

Carrafella Bowling Outing

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The lanes come alive with laughter, friendly competition, and energy as the guys enjoy an afternoon of bowling, food and good vibes. Neon lights and rolling strikes set the tone for an easygoing afternoon fueled by camaraderie and fun.

Cost: \$60.00

Casino Day Trip

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Try your luck and enjoy an afternoon of excitement, camaraderie, and relaxation with a casino excursion designed for comfort and fun. Transportation and a party bus reception are included.

Cost: \$125.00

Carrafella Golf Outing - Pine Hill Golf Course

6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A full day on the green featuring friendly competition, fellowship, and leisure in a beautiful outdoor setting. Lunch and signature golf towel are included.

Cost: \$150

Sequin & Soul: 70's Disco Night

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Get ready to sparkle and groove at this high-energy throwback celebration. Channel disco glam and bling as we dance the night away to classic soul and funk. The Soul Train Line will feature a chapter roll call that will be a sight to see. A time will definitely be had by all.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Skyway Ballroom

Attire: Retro Swag & Groovy Glam

The Afterglow – The Pocket at Tailors' Union

10:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

When the night isn't ready to end, keep the energy going with music, dancing, signature cocktails, and an intimate Memphis vibe. Join us for a late-night finale—where the rhythm lingers and the memories keep glowing.

Location: The Pocket at Tailors' Union
115 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38103

Attire: Retro Swag or Elevated Casual

Executive Board Meeting

9:15 AM – 12:15 PM (Included)

A focused and collaborative session dedicated to governance, vision, and the continued advancement of Carrousel.



SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2026

Grand Entrance & Toast

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A stunning ceremonial moment welcoming chapters and leadership with elegance, pageantry, and celebration.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Grand Lobby

Attire: All White Required

Carrafella Seminar

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

An extra special afternoon that will prove to be both engaging and stimulating for the Carrafellas. This heightened experience that will build their brotherly bonds over crafted cocktails and brews should not be missed.

Location: Details will be shared with the Carrafellas in their conference packet.

Crowns & Cufflinks: The Essence of Black Dandyism

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour & Chapter Photos:

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Grand Ballroom Lobby

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Gala Doors Open:

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Grand Ballroom

Crowns and Cufflinks is the signature highlight of the 70th Anniversary celebration—an elegant, joy-filled evening honoring seven decades of sisterhood, legacy, and Black cultural excellence. Guests will arrive adorned in stunning platinum-inspired attire, setting the tone for a night of sophistication, celebration, and unforgettable style. With music, movement, and vibrant energy, this culminating event brings the convention to a powerful close—where legacy is celebrated, memories are made, and the rhythm of sisterhood shines brightest

A breathtaking evening celebrating style, sophistication, and Black cultural excellence.

Attire: A Black-Tie Affair. Luxe Designer Gala Wear in Platinum Hues

The Afterglow: 70th Legacy Lounge

11:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

A refined close to an extraordinary evening—celebrating legacy, laughter, and lasting bonds.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Forest Room

Attire: Elevated Casual / Sophisticated Social

Carrousel Business Luncheon

12:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A signature gathering celebrating excellence, achievement, and sisterhood through purposeful conversation and shared vision.

A radiant luncheon experience symbolizing unity, legacy, and grace.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Continental Ballroom

Attire: All White Required



SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2026

Carrousel & Carrafella Rise & Dine Sunday Breakfast

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

A warm, relaxed farewell breakfast to reflect, reconnect, and depart in sisterhood.

Location: Peabody Hotel ~ Continental



Frequently Asked Questions

HOTEL SAFETY

Is the host hotel safe for convention attendees?

Yes. The Peabody Hotel is a premier, full-service hotel with established safety and security protocols, including on-site security personnel, monitored access points, and guest-only room access. The hotel has extensive experience hosting national conferences and large-scale events.

Will there be additional security during the convention?

Yes. During the National Convention, there will be enhanced security measures coordinated between the hotel and convention organizers, particularly during large events, evening functions, and high-traffic convention hours.

Should I wear my badge at all times?

Yes. For your safety and the safety of all attendees, convention badges should be worn at all official events and sessions. Badges help identify registered participants and ensure access to designated spaces.

Are there safety tips for staying at the hotel?

We recommend standard travel best practices, including:

- Keep your hotel room door locked at all times
- Use the in-room safe for valuables
- Do not share room numbers publicly
- Be mindful of personal belongings in public areas
- Report any concerns to hotel staff or convention leadership immediately

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

What airport should I use when traveling to Memphis?

All attendees should fly into Memphis International Airport (MEM), which is approximately 15 minutes from the Peabody Hotel.

Is ground transportation safe?

Yes. We recommend using:

- Hotel-arranged transportation
- Reputable rideshare services
- Licensed taxi services

If transportation is provided for off-site convention events, details will be shared in advance.

Will transportation be provided for off-site events?

Transportation information for select off-site events—such as the Casino Day Trip and the Carafella Golf outing—will be communicated in your convention packet that will be available for pickup at convention check-in. Please follow all posted instructions and departure times.

What if I need a mobility scooter?

You can contact Memphis Mobility Scooter Rentals.
(901) 413-9368

<https://memphismobilityscooterrentals.com>

Frequently Asked Questions

PERSONAL SAFETY & WELL-BEING

What should I do if I feel unsafe or need assistance?

If you feel unsafe or require immediate assistance:

- Contact hotel security or front desk staff
- Notify a convention volunteer or committee member
- In an emergency, dial 911

Emergency contact information will also be provided in the program book and convention app.

Will emergency information be available on-site?

Yes. Emergency procedures and key contact numbers will be posted throughout the convention space and included in convention materials.

Are health and wellness considerations in place?

The well-being of our attendees is a priority. Please take care of your personal health needs, stay hydrated, rest as needed, and seek medical attention if required. Nearby medical facilities are accessible from the host hotel.

FINAL NOTE

Your safety, comfort, and peace of mind are important to us. The Carrouseles National Convention Planning Committee has taken thoughtful steps to ensure a welcoming and secure environment so you can fully enjoy Platinum Rhythms: 70 Years of Sisterhood and Soul. Should you have any concerns before or during the convention, please do not hesitate to reach out to the planning committee or hotel staff.

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Happy 70th Anniversary Carrouseles!



In Honor Of Our Founders
Glenna L. Watson and
Betty L. Brewer



Carrouseles, Inc., Chartered 1956
Columbus, Ohio

Charter members standing left to right:
Kathryn Payne*, **Genevieve White***, **Vesta Morgan***,
Marguerite Diggs*, **Anita Watkins***,
Founder Glenna Watson, **Sally English**,
Evelyn Ware*, **Patricia Weddington***, **Faye Turner***
Seated far left: **Alberta Turner***
Not pictured: **Founder Betty Brewer***
*deceased



We Love You
Carrousel Glenna!

Conference Leadership Team

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Carla Stotts Hills, Convention
Co-Chair, Protocol
Matoiri Spencer, Convention
Co-Chair, Event Logistics
Dana Pointer, Conference Treasurer
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