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I hope everyone is doing well. The Jordans are really excited about seeing all of you at Thanksgiving here in Charleston! We wanted to send one final email out to everyone in advance of our time together for Thanksgiving that is now just a little over two weeks out ...

The 2024 Thanksgiving in Charleston Planning Committee has been hard at work and we've finalized our planning for what I hope will be a fun-filled time for you all in Charleston during your three days with us.

Please see the proposed itinerary below that summarizes our various activities, the venues associated with these activities and various options for you and your family to consider while you are in Charleston. We hope this is helpful.

Also, we are delighted that Susan Flanigan will be coming down to Charleston with George Roche and we look forward to spending time with her- welcome Susan!

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

1. Most families arrive in Charleston via planes, trains and automobiles and will check into the Charleston Place Hotel (at the corner of Market St and Meeting St) late afternoon/early evening. Please check with Harold III if you have any questions or run into any issues associated with your room or suite reservations at the Charleston Place.
2. Helen and Pierce will possibly organize an impromptu get together later that evening inside the Charleston Place Hotel (at the hotel bar called the Thoroughbred Club) – be looking for a text from them early Wednesday evening.
3. Get in at a good hour, though, and get some rest as we have a big day on Thursday ... 😊

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>



1. The famous 5K Turkey Trot will be held in downtown Charleston that morning starting at 9:00 a.m. in Marion Square (which is about three blocks from the Charleston Place). For info you need to learn about this event, register yourself and/or your family members, etc., please go to the Turkey Trot website: <https://www.turkeydayrun.com/> Harold III created a Hope/Jordan team so please find our team and register under it ... For those of you who participated in the Turkey Trot back in 2018, you will recall how much fun it is, the fact that many people just walk the 5K (instead of jog/run it), and that there are children's "fun runs" at 10:30 a.m. inside Marion Square itself for children 10 and under. In short, participating in this event is just a great way to start the day, burn off some calories that you will be consuming later in the day and see each other. Also, anyone who can beat Elisabeth Jordan in the 5K gets a special prize from Uncle Charles ...
  
2. Thanksgiving Lunch at the Carolina Yacht Club at 12:30 p.m.. The Yacht Club is located at [50 East Bay Street](#). Church attire. Buffet style lunch will be served. We will be in the South Property and a special section of the Yacht Club knows as the "Ward Room". Group picture before or after lunch to capture all 43 of us ...
  
3. Afternoon Fun at Charles and Jenny's house from 3:30/4:00'ish – 8:00'ish. We live at [736 Clearview Drive](#), which is on James Island. Harold III is looking to reserve a shuttle service that will take you from the Charleston Place Hotel to our house and then back later in the evening. More to come on that transportation option.
  - a. Wear something comfortable and come enjoy fun and games in the backyard, hang out on the dock, play basketball in the driveway or ping pong in the garage, and partake in some late afternoon cocktails for the adults on the back deck of the house as we watch the sunset. John Hope will be joining us this evening (his father, Bob Hope, MD, was granddaddy's brother who lived in Charleston).
  - b. Celebration of Life Service for Robert Meek Hope Sr.- we will gather in our family room and conduct a special service to remember Robert and the numerous ways that he touched all of our lives. We miss him very much and this will be an important way for our extended family to be together, remember all of the fun we had with Robert, and thank God for his life.
  - c. Light food and hors d'oeuvres will be served and available (with child-friendly options) so count on that for feeding your family that evening.
  - d. The 2nd Biennial Hope/Jordan/Campbell/Goodbar Talent Show!! Mills and Anna Hope are actively planning this much-anticipated event. Dawson will be in charge of lighting, sound, and special A/V effects ... Though it will be hard to top some of the talent we saw on display in Wilmington two years ago (e.g. Uncle Harold's perfectly delivered jokes, Charlie's "worm", etc.), we are excited for the new talent that we see emerging out there within the family and that will be on display that night 😊. The three best performances will be determined by an impartial panel of judges and prizes will be handed out accordingly.

Friday, November 29th

1. Tennis for Nieces/Nephews with Uncle Charles at the Country Club of Charleston I will come (in my Suburban) to the Charleston Place to pick up any nieces/nephews who are interested in playing tennis with me. Exact pick-up time may be dictated by how much fun I had the night before 😊, but I will aim for pick-up at 8:30 a.m., play tennis for an hour and then I will bring the tennis players back to the Charleston Place by 10:15 or so. David Hope has agreed to serve as my very able assistant.
  
2. A Drop-In Brunch at Robert and Stephanie's house from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.'ish They live at [203 Haddrell Street](#), which is in Mount Pleasant's "Old Village".

- a. Please come enjoy a hot brunch served by famous “Aunt Steph” and relax with everyone over good food and a cup of coffee in their beautiful house. Dawson plans to have his widely acclaimed “light show” ready for you all and will put on a special, exclusive family members-only day-time performance for all of you light show enthusiasts. Charlie will lead some backyard fun for all of the 12 and under kids. Elisabeth (with Gibson’s help) will guide any interested high school sophomores or juniors through the intricacies and complexities of the modern-day college application process ...
- b. Molly and Steve Hope (and their children and families) will be joining us at this brunch.

### 3. Afternoon Options after Brunch (1:00 p.m.’ish - 5:00 p.m.’ish)

- a. Josephine’s birthday is on this Friday and she and the Campbell family invite any and all who want to join them to attend the movie “Wicked”, which is scheduled to be released that week. There is a large theater (Regal Palmetto Grande Cinema) about 5 miles from Robert and Stephanie’s house in the shopping mecca on Mount Pleasant called “Towne Centre”. <https://www.mtleasanttownecentre.com/> Pierce and Helen plan to take Josephine to the 2:15 show.
- b. Multiple child-friendly, fun options are available all over Charleston for teens, pre-teens, and children, including the Children’s Museum, which is downtown - <https://explorecmi.org/> and Sky Zone, which is on Mt. Pleasant - <https://www.skyzone.com/charleston/>. For any family that just wants to hit Sullivans Island or Isle of Palms, see and walk on the beach, get some fresh air, etc., there are two great parks (one on each island) with lots of outdoor equipment, play areas, etc. I encourage the Moms and Dads to explore these various options and perhaps coordinate with one another which activity makes the best sense for you and your children.
- c. King Street Shopping for the Ladies- I don’t think I need to elaborate on this option for those of you who have previously enjoyed this historic shopping district, including fabulous antique shops, art galleries, etc. ... <https://www.charlestonsfinest.com/sc/exclusking.htm>

### 4. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.- for those who want to meet for a cocktail before dinner, we can meet in the Thoroughbred Club that is located inside the Charleston Place hotel- <https://charlestonplace.com/food-beverage/thoroughbred-club/> Meeting there may be easiest on those families with younger children, etc.

### 5. Adult Dinner at The Establishment at 7:00 p.m. This restaurant is located at [28 Broad Street](#), which is about 4-5 blocks from the Charleston Place Hotel. This is where we met and had dinner on the Friday night after Thanksgiving in 2018- a wonderful evening! Please see the link - <https://establishmentchs.com/>- where you can see pics of this gorgeous restaurant, scroll through its menu (which gets updated seasonally), etc. Like he did 6 years ago, Harold III has reserved a private room inside this restaurant where he will graciously host all of the adults and we will all gather and enjoy dinner together.

- a. The children aged 12-19 will likely gather together around 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Charleston Place and head out to one of Charleston’s fun and cool restaurants. I am working on these details now to pin down a good restaurant for them and secure a reservation. I will stay in close touch with the Moms and Dads on this one.

- b. The children under 12 will likely stay in the hotel with one or more babysitters if that is okay with the Moms and Dads at issue. I will circle with you all to discuss options and be sure we find a good quality babysitter (or two) who you are comfortable with.

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (Rivalry College Football Day)

1. Sad goodbyes are exchanged in the lobby of the Charleston Place Hotel that morning as we wrap up and conclude an epic time together where we were able to re-connect with lifelong family members, build on newer relationships, help the next generation get to know and connect with each other better, celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us and remember how important our family has been and will continue be to each of us going forward.
2. The Campbell family will be celebrating McCall's birthday (December 1st) at a fun event they have planned for him in Charleston later that day.
3. The college kids will frantically drive back to their respective college campuses and start cramming for exams ...

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me- 843-412-1020 (c). Any complaints? Please contact my brother, Robert, directly- 843-452-7131 (c) ... 😊

Much love from Charleston and, on behalf of Charlie, Robert and Helen (and our families), we can't wait to welcome you to the Lowcountry and see all of you in a couple of weeks! Charles

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