



Eko Club Newsletter

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Eko Club International News and Events

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E.C.I. Award Night and the 2nd Year Anniversary of Eko Club Washington

It is time for us to recognize, reward, and retain the doer and the achiever. Let's stand and cheer for the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.

In collaboration with Eko Club Washington, E.C.I will be having its annual Eko Club International Award Night on Sept. 17th and the 2nd year anniversary celebration of Eko Club Washington on the 18th, 2004. This award is in recognition of Lagosians who have made exceptional and outstanding contributions to the political and social-economic strata and their untiring commitment to the development of Lagos State and to celebrate the accomplishments Eko

Club Washington has made and continue to make over the past-two years.

The highlight of the evening will be the establishment of an endowment fund. It would be graced by cultural performance followed by live band entertainment. The guest of honor will be the King of Lagos, Oba Rilwan Akiolu I.

Alhaji Olusesi 60th Birthday Bash

Congratulations on the 60th birthday of Alhaji Olusesi Dawodu. On March 27th, 2004, Alhaji Dawodu, past president of E.C.I., celebrated this special year with a birthday bash in Miami. The event attracted important dignitaries including members of Eko Club in the U. S. and across the globe. Yet,

another successful and memorable evening. In appreciation of your significant contribution towards the advancement of E.C.I, we wish you many happy returns.

Mr. Moreira 60th Birthday Bash in L.A.

An Elder statesman and a pioneer of E.C.I., Mr. Tunde Moreira recently celebrated his 60th birthday in California. A lineup of E. C.I. elite and other guests were entertained at the celebration of Mr. Moreira's birthday. The occasion was an opportunity for him to renew his vow to his lovely wife of 28 years.

E.C.I. was privileged to share an outstanding, entertaining and memorable evening with Mr. Moreira and his wife. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Moreira.

Project Update

Houston

Dynamic, is the word used to describe the members of Eko Club Houston's strong commitment in realizing their dream of building a community shopping center. Our Chapter has another good year of fundraising, despite these difficult financial times. Your personal commitment as well as your commitment as a club member was overwhelming, and allowed us to raise \$150,000.00, which was used to pay off the balance on the 2.8 acres of land purchased by Eko Club Houston.

Congratulations, we are now one step closer to accomplishing our mission and realizing our dream.

Project

"We are built to conquer environment, solve problems, achieve goals, and we find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve."

This quote is in support of E.C. I. and the project they've embarked upon.

The noble goal and objective of E.C.I. will be fully realized with

the support and significant contribution of all members in executing the projects various members have embarked upon. E.C.I. stands to make a difference in our community and to take the organization to another level. The following are projects embarked upon by various chapters in collaboration with E.C. I.:

Lagos State University

Eko Club Atlanta is sponsoring the ongoing project of furnishing LASU with computer equipment. This will provide an interesting opportunity for students in the

Lagos News Highlights

- Unexploded Bomb Discovered in Lagos – *AllAfrica*
- Tinubu Unfolds ICT Agenda for Lagos – *AllAfrica*
- Lagos State expends N50 million on fight against Malaria – *Vanguard*

Project Update (cont.)

area of Information Technology.

Lagos State Schools

Dallas and Atlanta chapters are sponsoring a project to supply uniforms to public schools in Lagos State.

Massey Children Hospital

M.C.H. is a pediatric specialty hospital located in Lagos. Eko Club Houston in collaboration with Lagos State Government, have made it possible for children under the age of 18 to receive excellent medical care. This Chapter has raised more than \$80,000 towards the rehabilitation of M.C.H. in providing adequate health care services to the underprivileged.

The Shobowale Twins Endowment Fund

An endowment fund has been established to help secure the future vitality and well-being of the Shobowale Twins. The Washington Chapter has taken the lead in raising \$5,000 towards this fund. Please join members of E.C.I. in providing for the long-term financial needs of this twins. You can donate in a form of cash, money order or certified check. Whichever way you choose to give, the purpose of giving remain the same; to provide for the ongoing financial need of the Shobowale twins.

Message from the President

Letter of Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to you for your very active participation in our recent meeting in Florida. The Presidents and Board Members have also asked me to pass on their sincere appreciation for your efforts in supporting the Club in this important undertaking. Your positive attitude is a wonderful reflection of our Great Club. The intensity of the discussion, your enthusiasm and comradeship that permeated at the meeting epitomized the uniqueness of this club. Understand that continuous effort, not strength or

Other E.C.I. News

The New Leadership Structure

The following chapters has elected new leaders:

- Honorable Tayo Okupe, President Eko Club Washington D.C.
- Dr. Mustapha Sanusi, President Eko Club California
- Mr. Bayo Abina, President Eko Club Florida
- Mr. Segun Disu, President Eko Club Atlanta
- Mr Bisi Gaji remains the president of Dallas

Congratulations to the new elected officials.

New Chapters

- Abbey Scott, President Eko Club Virginia
- Mr Christ Ogunrinde, President Eko Club Charlotte
- Mr. Kunle Okoya, President Eko Club Philadelphia

More information will be announced as soon as they are available.

Tragic News

E.C.I. mourns the death of Chief Oriolowo

Chief Oriolowo is gone, we at E.C.I. mourns the untimely death of an irreplaceable icon.

Chief Oriolowo, until his death, was a member and president of Eko Club New York and the Chairman of the Lagos Committee . Chief Oriolowo died on May 20, 2004.

intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential, and it is because of your hard work and untiring effort that this club is known as EKO CLUB INTERNATIONAL THE GREAT. Let's keep up the good work and aggressively guide what E.C.I. stands for; making a difference in our community.

On behalf of E.C.I., I would like to extend our condolences to the family of Chief Oriolowo who passed away on May 20, 2004. May his soul rest in peace.

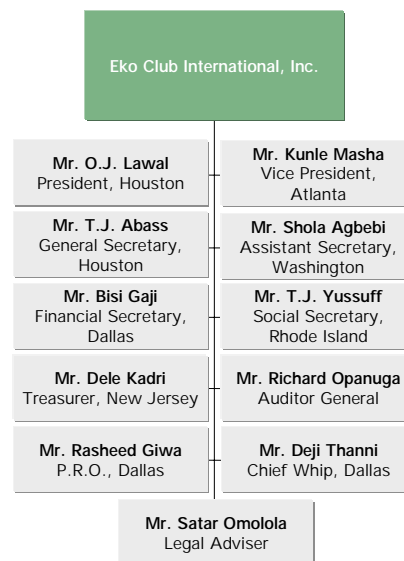
May I take this opportunity to welcome the New Chapters into our Club?

Our thoughts are with the family of Chief Oriolowo as they mourn their loss and celebrate his remarkable life. Please accept our heart-felt condolences.

Chief Oriolowo is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roberta Oriolowo, his children and his parents. The 40 days prayer is scheduled for July 3rd, 2004 in Maryland. All members of E.C.I are expected to be there.

For further information, please contact Mr. Idowu Agbaje, President Eko Club New York at (646) 729-9504.

E.C.I. Executive Chart



I know you will receive a great measure of satisfaction from your association with us. Congratulations. I trust you will find the association meaningful and rewarding.

Again, thanks so much for your enthusiastic participation in our last meeting in Florida. I have no doubt that it would not have been the success that it was without your presence. Eko agbe wa o.

Very Sincerely,

O.J. Lawal
President, E.C.I.