

Sasse Alumni Association Inc

"An Alumna Association of the Ex-Students
of St. Joseph's College, Sasse-Cameroon"
A 501 (c)3 Charitable Organization



SOBA AMERICA

President Fote's message - October 2021

Fellow SOBANS,

Greetings. I hope you had a great month of September, and I hope you and your family are staying safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. I just want to take a few minutes and bring you up to speed with what has been happening at SOBA America this past month, and upcoming October plans.

SOBA America elects three At-Large members to the Board of Directors

SOBA America has elected SOBANS Gordon Achu of SOBA Carolinas, Aloysius Ibeagha of SOBA Montreal and Donald Fuaem of SOBA DMV each to a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The three newly elected Board members will be seated on November 20th, 2021, during the Mini-convention in Detroit, MI.



During the last convention, SOBA America's bylaws were changed, and three at-large Board member positions were created. The special election to fill these seats were held online through our website membership portal from September 20th to 28th.

I'd like to congratulate these fine gentlemen on their election, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to move our association forward. I also want to thank SOBAN Andu Agbor of SOBA Carolinas who came fourth in the elections and narrowly missed out. His willingness to serve our association is truly commendable.

SOBA America TV readies its Fall 2021 Broadcast

SOBA America TV Network's Fall 2021 broadcast will be broadcast this month. The team is making final production touches. Look out for the broadcast. [Subscribe to SOBA America TV Network today by clicking here, then click on the SUBSCRIBE tab.](#)

The line up for the Fall broadcast is packed with news stories and more. You won't want to miss this broadcast. Stay tuned!



Administration Updates

Mini-Convention coming soon - November 19th to 21st, 2021 in Detroit, MI

The 2021 SOBA America Mini-convention shall be hosted by SOBA Tri-state in Detroit, MI from November 19th to 21st, 2021. I hope you can make it there. More information shall be forthcoming soon so stay tuned.

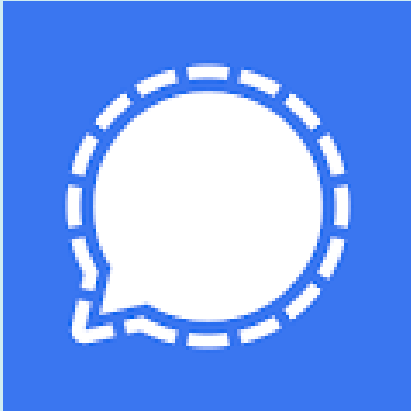
The SOBA America mini-convention is officially a Board meeting mandated by our by-laws. It is open to all SOBANS as part of our spirit of inclusion and brotherhood, so they can see their leaders at work and be part of the process. It is also an opportunity for the host chapter to re-introduce itself to the local community and raise some money for the chapter.

After having been kept away from each other for almost 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be a great thing to fellowship with each other in a safe way once again. Please get your COVID-19 vaccine if you have not yet done so! I look forward to seeing you in Detroit come November 19th.



SOBA America migrates to Signal as its official social media communications platform

Download and join our Signal platforms today



Effective May 30th 2021, our administration announced Signal as SOBA America's official social medical communications platform and asked all members to download and switch to Signal. If you haven't done so yet, please do so promptly.

There is a lot of activity happening on Signal., Our SOBA America platforms are growing. I don't want you to miss out on anything. If you haven't downloaded Signal on your phone and joined our SOBA America Social and Business forums, please do so today. If you are already on our Signal platforms, please help us grow by encouraging your SOBAN friends who are part of our SOBA America family but haven't yet joined to do so. We don't want to leave anyone behind.

If you are reading this on your phone, you can [CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR SOBA AMERICA BUSINESS GROUP ON SIGNAL](#)

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[Click Here to RENEW your Membership Registration for 2021/2022](#)

Celebrate Each Other Initiative

October 2021 Spotlight - SOBAN Lucy Ewang

SOBA America welcomes its first ever female member

In this month's Celebrate Each Other Initiative, we celebrate SOBA America's first ever female member - SOBAN number 1759, Lucy Ewang nee Ngabe of the 1966 class and SOBA New England.

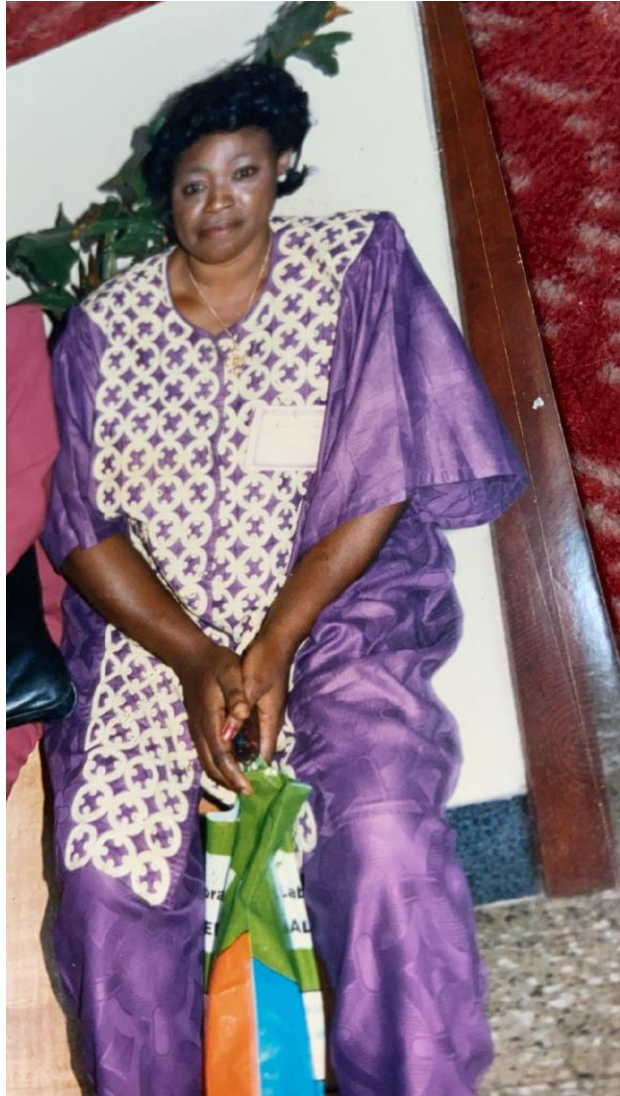
In 1966, St. Joseph's College, Sasse welcomed its first and only class of female students. 12 young girls were admitted as part of the 1966 class - 6 in Form One A and 6 in Form One B. That "experiment" was short-lived as all 12 girls were transferred to either Our lady of Lourdes College (six) or Queen of the Rosary College Okoyong (six) the following year in Form Two. SOBAN Lucy Ewang was transferred to Lourdes.

Being one of 12 girls in a boarding school full of boys was quite an experience, as SOBAN Lucy Ewang recalls. The school authorities did not give them special privileges except for the fact that they were day students while their male counterparts were boarding students. She enjoyed her time in Sasse and values the experience she got in SJC Sasse. It helped her build resilience and character that would be helpful to her as she grew up and became a young woman.

SOBAN Lucy Ewang got married in 1980. She has five grown children. She lost her dad and husband unfortunately in a ghastly motor accident in 1997, when her eldest child was just 12 years old. That resilience and survival skills she learned in SJC Sasse came in handy as she had to raise her children as a single mom. She also grew closer to God as her faith strengthened. She worked as a nurse in Cameroon until she retired and moved to the US, where she lives in the Boston area.

SOBAN Ewang is excited to be part of our SOBA America family. She looks forward to being an engaged member both in the SOBA New England chapter and in SOBA America. Her message to SOBANS is simple - Put God and *Jesus Christ at the forefront of everything you do. She prays for a strong brotherhood in SOBA America. "Walk hand in hand with each other. Pray for each other. Never look down on anyone for we don't know what the future holds. Help each other to grow,"* Those are words of wisdom for SOBA America.

As we continue our mission to leave no SOBAN behind and build an all-inclusive SOBA America, please join me to welcome our first female member. SOBAN Ewang has at least one of her female classmates here in the US and has promised to reach out to her to encourage her to be part of our SOBA America family. That is the SOBAN way.



Do you have a story to share? Let us Celebrate you. Email us at info@sobamerica.org

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Pa Ngando Honor Project Updates



Work on the Pa Ngando Honor project is ongoing. The site work started on September 17th. The first phase that is ongoing is the demolition of the walls to reconstruct the urinary and toilets that will serve the assembly hall. Excavation for a soak away and septic tank is also ongoing. Offsite, there is preparation of wooden elements to replace the damaged windows. Sourcing of seasoned wood for stage reconstruction is also ongoing.

The work has been hampered by insecurity due to the ongoing 'ghost town' in effect. IN addition,

the school has not yet removed documents from storage behind the stage, so demolition work cannot be started there.

A meeting has been planned for Tuesday October 5th with the Principal to work on better organization of the project on the ground.

Please see below for some pictures of the initial work being done.

Fundraising:

Funds continue to poor in slowly. We are still a long way from achieving our goal to meet budget. [Please click here to see a list of donors as of August 1st, 2021.](#)

Making a Donation to the Pa Ngando Honor Project

You can add your name to the list above and be a part of history by donating to the in one of the following ways

- Through your class leadership: This is the preferred method if you are between the classes of 1972 to 1991
- Directly to SOBA America via PayPal to treasurer@sobamerica.org
- Directly to SOBA America via our website by [CLICKING HERE TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION](#)

Please note that ANY SOBAN can contribute regardless of their class. We'd like every SOBAN to be a part of this project to honor a man whose legacy is intertwined with the legacy of SJC Sasse.



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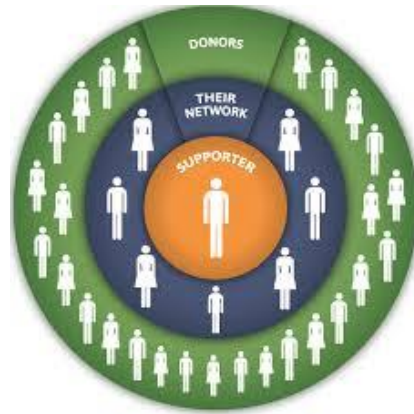
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Thank you for reading

On behalf of the NLT, I wish you and your families a blessed month of October. Together, we will continue the transformation of SOBA America. Teamwork makes the dream work. Stay safe.

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Bertrand Fote (Sir 4te)
Your Servant-in-chief
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