

## Sasse Alumni Association Inc

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



## President Fote's message - March 2022

Fellow SOBANS,

Greetings. I hope you had a great month of February, 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 March plans.

## 2022 National Convention COVID-19 precautions



As we continue to prepare for the 2022 National Convention coming up this Memorial Day weekend, we are closely following the COVID-19 pandemic situation. We will do all we can to make our convention as safe as possible for SOBANS and their families and guests. We are monitoring the CDC guidelines and we will follow them. Here are some key elements of our COVID-19 safety plan for the convention.

**(1) Vaccine Mandate:** We require all delegates and guests at the convention to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. When you go to get your convention credentials, you will be asked to attest that you are fully vaccinated and are willing to show proof of your vaccination status. You will need to e-mail the proof of your vaccination status (copy of your vaccination card) to [organizingsec@sobamerica.org](mailto:organizingsec@sobamerica.org) by **May 20th**. Please do so as soon as possible, so we can get everything in place to ensure that you have a smooth and remarkable experience at the convention. Please note that we will

strictly enforce this mandate.

**(2) Cashless Convention:** We will not accept cash at our convention. We will have multiple options for electronic payment. In addition to reducing the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 through cash changing hands, this change will help improve efficiency, accountability and transparency with our financial management.

**(3) Masks:** We will closely monitor CDC guidelines and follow them. From a public health perspective, mask wearing has been proven to be an effective tool in the prevention of the spread of disease. On February 25th,

the CDC released new county specific mask recommendations for counties across the US based on a number of factors including new cases, hospitalizations, and hospital occupancy rates. Based on that the CDC recommended no indoor mask wearing for Dallas County. As you know, conditions may change leading to changes in recommendations. We will monitor closely and either mandate mask wearing or highly recommend mask wearing, depending on the CDC's recommendations during the convention weekend.

**(4) Temperature checks:** We will do temperature checks at different points during the convention.

**(5) Hand sanitization:** We will ensure that there are adequate hand sanitization stations available. We will also take appropriate steps to ensure proper safety measures with food service.

[Click Here to REGISTER for the 2022 SOBA America National Convention](#)

## Administration Updates

### St Joseph's Feast Day Mass - Saturday March 19th @ noon ET

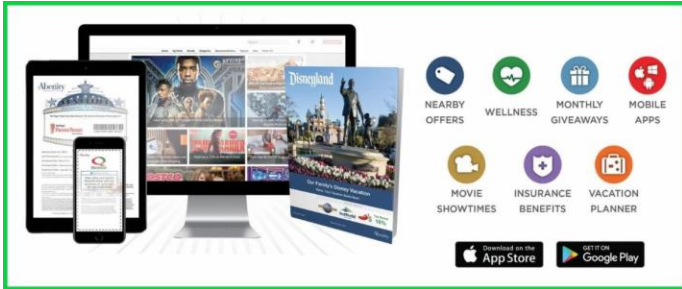
On March 19th, we will celebrate our second annual St. Joseph's Feast Day virtual mass from 12 noon ET. Let us celebrate our patron saint - St. Joseph - together as a Christian family with holy mass.

Last year's inaugural St. Joseph's Feast Day mass was a huge success. It was a great celebration filled with the solemnity of Latin mass and followed by benediction. We intend to do the same this year. The Zoom ID is 209-324-0036



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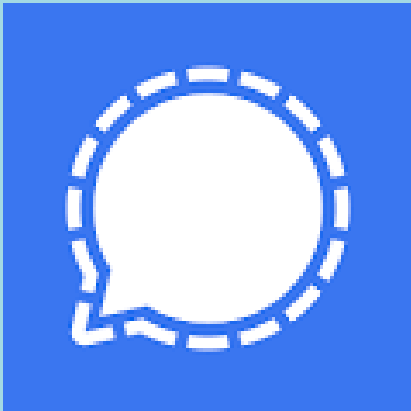
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You can save hundreds and even thousands of dollars annually by taking advantage of this SOBA America Discount program. In order to do that, you need to register online at our website if you have not yet done so, so you can have access to our membership portal. Once in the membership portal, simply click on BENEFITS. After that, click on VISI YOUR SAVINGS PROGRAM. You can explore the many options, search for specific categories, and enjoy great savings.

## SIGNAL is now our new home - Come and join us

### 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.

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**Celebrate Each Other Initiative**

## March 2022 Spotlight - 1988 Class

### Sowing seeds of hope by giving back to the underprivileged

In this month's Celebrate Each Other Initiative, we celebrate the 1988 class for their philanthropy back home. The Golden Jubilee class, as they are called, made a donation to an orphanage in Cameroon to sow seeds of hope in the lives of many young orphans. This act of benevolence is truly commendable.

On July 18th, 2021, the 1988 class made a huge donation of 500,000frs CFA to the House of Hope orphanage in Ngehenmbu, Mbengwi, in the North West region. This act of kindness was coordinated by the 1988 class leadership and includes contributions from class members in the US, Canada, Europe and Africa. It was truly a global class effort.



During the visit, SOBAN Humphrey Lagmia who represented the class was shown the premises by the director of the orphanage, Mrs. Melvis Ayaba. Mami Ayaba, as she is popularly known, explained her challenges and the lack of funding. The joy and appreciation of the kids was very palpable through their singing and smiles.

In his remarks during the donation, SOBAN Lagmia thanked and acknowledged Major Chafac Morfor, and the class president, Peter Henry Ghogomu for their leadership in orchestrating this donation. He remarked that, giving back to our community, is a great way to say THANK YOU, for the blessings that we have. He then handed over the envelope with the cash, while SOBANESE Angeline handed over a gift.

Mrs Melvis Ayaba thanked the SOBANS of the Golden Jubilee (1988) for this kindness and for sowing a seed of hope and love in the lives of the kids in the orphanage. The kids sang and praised the Lord for his continuous blessing. Mami Ayaba called of people of good will to continue to support the kids, given that, they have nowhere to go and she can't say no any orphan who makes it there.

Giving back to the needy truly exemplifies the SOBAN mantra of being our brother's keeper. That spirit of love and kindness, instilled in us near the Buea Mountain, high above the sea, continues to reign strong among SOBANS worldwide. The 1988 class deserves to be celebrated for this laudable initiative. Our administration has been promoting the spirit of giving back because it is a noble thing to do. That is why we are introducing a SOBA America community service activity at our conventions moving forward, starting with the 2022 convention in Dallas. That is the SOBAN way. Join me in celebrating the Golden Jubilee class for their philanthropy.





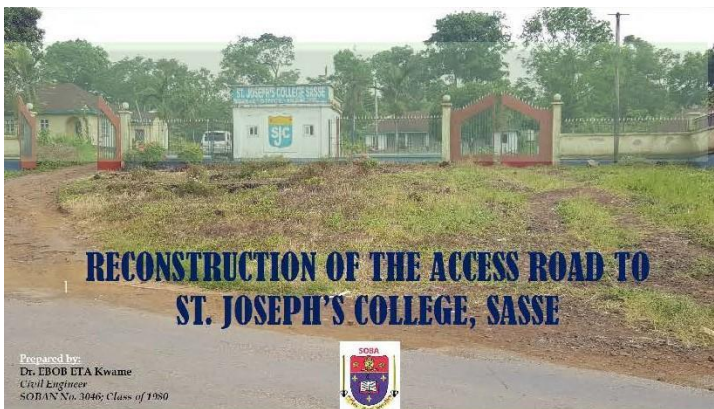
Handing over of the gift to the orphanage

Some members of the 1988 class in the US and Canada.

*Do you have a story to share? Let us Celebrate you. Email us at [info@sobamerica.org](mailto:info@sobamerica.org)*

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## SJC Sasse Road Project - Construction Phase Kicks off



SOBA America Secretary General Divine Tange and SOBANESE Lisa Ekole are spearheading SOBA America's fundraising efforts for the SJC Sasse Road Project. Sec. Tange gave a brief update on the fundraising so far during the mini-convention. There is still a significant gap between our fundraising goal and the funds raised so far. [Click here to make a donation to the SJC Sasse Road Project](#)

The road project will provide better access to our beloved alma mater. It

is an important project and a flagship project of SOBA General President Ayuk Iyok's administration. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THE ROAD PROJECT.](#)

## Pa Ngando Honor Project Updates



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Work is underway on the Pa Ngando Honor Project. Unfortunately, due to reasons explained in my previous messages, we are behind schedule.

The team has been working tirelessly. [PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR A DETAILED UPDATED REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PA FERDINAND](#)

## Fundraising:

Funds continue to pour 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 January 17th, 2022.](#)

## 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.

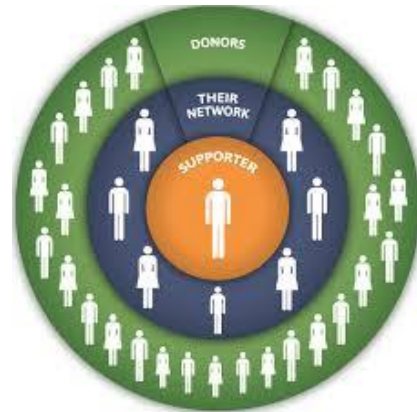
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## SMILE – Amazon Smile Partnership for fundraising

### Help raise money for Sasse Alumni Association with Amazon Smile

As you know, Sasse Alumni Association has partnered with Amazon to raise money when you shop using Amazon. We need you to help us raise money. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price for your eligible Amazon Smile purchases if you select Sasse Alumni Association as your charity. Click on this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0602143>, sign onto your account and Sasse Alumni Association will be selected. Remember to go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) when you shop instead of Amazon.com to get this fundraising.

Please share this information with your family and friends. Every cent counts. Help us sow a seed in the life of a young child in Sasse who may be helped by these donations.



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## Thank you for reading

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

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Your Servant-in-chief  
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