

Sasse Alumni Association Inc

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of St. Joseph's College, Sasse-Cameroon"
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President Njukang Asong's message - September 2025

Greetings, SOBA America Trailblazers!

As the cool winds of September roll in, I'm excited to share this month's update with you. Together, we've kept the fire of unity, innovation, and purpose burning strong—and now it's time to take the next step forward.

SOBA America is more than an association; it's a movement powered by every one of us. Each idea, each act of service, each bold dream brings us closer to the future we're building together. This September, let's stay focused, energized, and committed to blazing new trails as one unstoppable family.

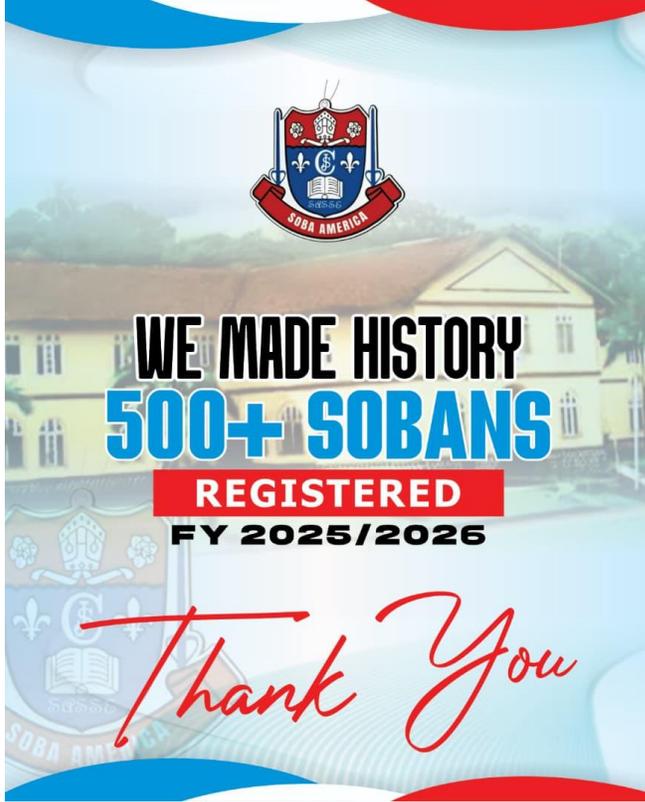


The journey continues—let's keep rising higher!

WE MADE HISTORY! 500+ SOBANS REGISTERED IN FY 2025/2026

In a remarkable display of unity and commitment, on behalf of the NLT, I am thrilled to announce that we have achieved a historic milestone— 500+ SOBANS have registered for the 2025/2026 year! This unprecedented achievement speaks volumes about the strength and dedication of our organization, and it's time to celebrate our collective efforts.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you goes out to our National Leadership Team for their unwavering hard work and dedication. Your leadership has been instrumental in guiding our organization through this registration effort. Special



recognition is also due to all the Czars, chapter presidents, and SOBANS who participated in various capacities, ensuring that this registration drive was not only successful but also inspiring.

Most especially, a huge shoutout to all SOBANS who registered! Your enthusiasm and commitment to our cause have set a powerful example for others. Together, we are not just members; we are a family bound by shared experiences and traditions.

As SOBANS, we are truly unique. We proudly embody the spirit of being the few, the proud, and the brave. Our unity is reflected in our shared Saturday nights, the Sunday whites, and the Monday fights that showcase our

resilience and determination.

Let us take immense pride in being SOBANS! Our organization is more than just a community; it is a movement that fosters connection, support, and growth among its members. Being part of SOBA America means belonging to a legacy that celebrates our heritage while looking forward to a bright future.

Together, we made history! Let's continue to build on this momentum and ensure that SOBA America remains a beacon of hope, strength, and unity.

Thank you once again to everyone who made this possible. Let's keep the spirit alive and look forward to even greater achievements in the coming years!

SOBA America Membership Cards Go Digital: A Leap into the Future!

In an exciting move that underscores SOBA America's commitment to innovation and member engagement, SOBA America has officially transitioned to fully digital membership cards. Spearheaded by our dedicated Deputy Organizing Secretary, this initiative is transforming the way SOBANS connect with their community and access valuable resources.

The newly designed digital cards are not just a modern convenience; they are a gateway to the SOBA America benefits hub, which offers

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an array of discount programs and exclusive opportunities tailored for our members. With these cards readily available, SOBANS can now enjoy seamless access to essential services right at their fingertips. The transition to digital reflects a forward-thinking approach that aligns with today's technological advancements and the needs of our members.

In the coming weeks, all registered members will have received their customized digital cards, reinforcing SOBA America's dedication to enhancing member experience. This milestone is more than just a technical upgrade; it symbolizes a stronger bond within our organization, fostering deeper connections and engagement among SOBANS.

As we embrace this innovative change, we are reminded of our roots and the guiding principles that unite us. May Saint Joseph continue to inspire and lead us as we embark on this exciting new chapter. The future is bright, and with our digital membership cards,

we are poised to navigate it with efficiency and enthusiasm!

Unlock the Full Value of Your SOBA America Membership

Membership that Pays Back!



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At SOBA America, we believe membership should go beyond camaraderie and connection. That's why we've put together a wide range of exclusive benefits designed to support your family, your finances, and your future. Every registered member has access—make sure you're taking advantage!

Part A: Discount Benefits – Powered by Abenity!

Through our partnership with Benefits Hub via Abenity, SOBA America members can access discounts on hundreds of everyday needs and exciting experiences. Some highlights include:

- Car Rentals – Save on Avis rentals [Click here](#)

- Auto Insurance Quotes – Compare and save [Click here](#)
- Electronics – Exclusive deals on gadgets and devices [Explore here](#)
- Concerts & Events – Discounts on entertainment nationwide [Discover here](#)
- Apparel & Accessories – Shop and save [Browse here](#)
- Travel – Flight, hotel, and vacation savings [Plan here](#)
- Nearby Attractions – Find deals right in your area [See more](#)

From groceries to getaways, these discounts are designed to keep money in your pocket.

Part B: Financial Benefits – Supporting Your Life Milestones

Your SOBA America family is here for you during life’s biggest moments. Through your Chapter President, you can request:

1. Family Unity Benefits – Celebrate marriages and anniversaries (10, 25, 50+ years). - [SOBA AMERICA Family Unity Benefit Application Form](#)
1. SOBANITE Recognition Benefits – Special recognition for newborns. - [SOBA America SOBANITE Recognition Form](#)
1. Bereavement Benefits – Financial support during loss (applies to SOBANS, SOBANESE, SOBANITES, and SOBAN parents). - [SOBA America Bereavement Benefit Form](#)

Part C: Enrichment & Growth Opportunities

SOBA America also invests in your personal and professional development through:

- Mentorship Program – Sign up as a mentor or mentee to inspire and be inspired. - [SOBA America Mentorship Program Form](#)
- Lend-A-Hand Initiative – Assistance for members facing hardships. - [SOBA America Lend-A-Hand-Initiative](#)
- Recognition & Awards – Celebrate excellence and service across our community. - [SOBA America Awards & Recognition Form](#)

Take Action Today!

These benefits are designed for YOU, our valued members. Don’t let them pass you by—whether it’s saving money, honoring milestones, or finding mentorship, SOBA America has something for everyone.

For questions or assistance, reach out anytime at info@sobamerica.org.

Together, let’s build a stronger, more connected SOBA America—where every member thrives.

SOBA Carolinas Offers Scholarships to High School Students

SOBA Carolinas is excited to announce a transformative opportunity for high school students through its prestigious Academic Scholarship program.

Scholarships Offered by SOBA Carolinas

Rewrite The Future, Today

Academic Scholarship for 11th grade students in the Carolinas of Cameroonian descent

Applicants should submit all high school transcripts, 9th grade through 11th grade second quarter, by 02/28/2025 to: P.O box 721, Clayton, NC 27528. Click on the attached link at the bottom of this flyer and fill out the form. Feedback will be provided by 07/2025

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Designed specifically for 11th graders of Cameroonian descent in the Carolinas, this initiative aims to recognize and reward the hard work and dedication of young scholars.

This scholarship is not just about financial support; it's a pathway to realizing dreams and aspirations. Whether these students envision pursuing higher education at a leading university or diving into a specific field of passion, this scholarship can provide the essential resources to help unlock their potential.

SOBA Carolinas, under the leadership of President Valery Bah, firmly believes that education is the cornerstone of a successful future. They are dedicated to eliminating financial barriers that might hinder academic aspirations. This scholarship celebrates the rich heritage and resilience of 11th graders of Cameroonian descent in the Carolinas while promoting a culture of academic excellence. It represents more than just funding; it's a tribute to identity, ambition, and the pursuit of knowledge.

We encourage all eligible students to seize this life-changing opportunity and apply for the SOBA Carolinas Academic Scholarship. Your future is bright, and with our support, you can embark on an extraordinary educational journey!

St. Joseph College Sasse Achieves 100% Pass Rate in GCE Examinations and Makes History!



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On August 1, 2025, St. Joseph College Sasse reached an extraordinary milestone by achieving an impressive 100% pass rate in both the Ordinary Level and Advanced Level GCE examinations! This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of everyone involved in the academic journey at Sasse.

In a historic moment for the college, Michael-Tony Fonkeng Asemot made headlines by becoming the first Arts student in Sasse College's illustrious history to record five A grades at the GCE A/Levels in Economics,

Geography, History, Philosophy, and ICT. This achievement not only highlights his individual talent but also reflects the high academic standards set by the institution.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the proprietor of St. Joseph College,

Bishop Bibi, whose visionary leadership has paved the way for excellence in education. Special commendation goes to the principal, Father Jude Njanto, whose unwavering support and guidance have inspired both staff and students to strive for greatness.

Our gratitude also goes to the dedicated staff whose relentless efforts and passion for teaching have played an instrumental role in shaping the success of our students. We recognize the parents whose encouragement and support have provided a solid foundation for their children's academic achievements.

Most importantly, we celebrate the students themselves—those who truly did the work and made this success possible. Their determination, resilience, and hard work are the driving forces behind this achievement, and they have made our alma mater proud!

St. Joseph College Sasse continues to shine as a beacon of education, reflecting our rich heritage and commitment to excellence. This achievement not only underscores the quality of education provided at Sasse but also sets a standard for future generations.

Congratulations once again to all who contributed to this remarkable success! Together, we celebrate the spirit of Sasse.

Celebration of Life for Dr. Emmanuel Kunju: A Heartfelt Tribute by the Class of 1972



On August 16, 2025, SOBANS from the 1972 class and members of SOBA New England came together for a moving celebration of life honoring their esteemed classmate and senior member, Dr. Emmanuel Kunju. This event was organized by the Class of 1972, fondly referred to as the "Majority Rule" class. The occasion was a powerful testament to camaraderie, support, and the enduring Soban spirit.

The event was masterfully emceed by Emeritus SOBA America President Norbert Kong, who highlighted Dr. Kunju's remarkable legacy and contributions to both his alma mater and the broader community. Despite facing medical challenges, Dr. Kunju was celebrated not only for his achievements but also for the profound impact he has had on countless lives. The Class of 1972, led by President Vekima, rallied to ensure their brother was uplifted during this difficult time, embodying the Soban motto: *No Soban Left Behind*.

A standout moment of the event was the generous pledge of \$2,000 by philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. Waah Jacque, a heartfelt gesture to honor Dr. Kunju's distinguished journey as a member of the Majority Rule class. Their contribution was matched by similar donations from the Boston Sobans, reflecting the collective commitment to supporting one of their own. This outpouring of love and solidarity underscored the values of unity and compassion that define the Soban community.



The Class of 1972's initiative serves as an inspiring example for others, demonstrating the importance of celebrating life and standing by a brother in need. Their humanitarian gesture has been widely praised, with many calling for other Soban chapters to emulate this act of kindness and togetherness. As one attendee noted, "This is the Soban way—the way it should be."

The celebration concluded with heartfelt gratitude to the Class of 1972, President Vekima, the Waahs, and the Boston Sobans for their unwavering support. The event was a powerful reminder of Dr. Kunju's enduring legacy and the strength of the Soban brotherhood.

A Solemn Farewell to Soban Godwin Eyoh Namaya, Sr.



On May 5, 2025, the Soba America community lost a cherished member, Soban Godwin Eyoh Namaya, Sr., who passed away after a valiant battle with illness. His departure left a void in the hearts of many, but his life and legacy were honored with profound reverence during a series of deeply moving funeral services held in Georgia.

The farewell began on August 1, 2025, with a wakekeep that brought together family, friends, and members of the Soba America community from across the nation. United in grief and admiration, we gathered to celebrate the life of a man whose infectious spirit and unwavering dedication had touched countless lives. The evening was filled with powerful testimonials, each story a testament to Soban Namaya's profound impact on his community, reflecting the love and respect he inspired.



The following day, a formal church service at St. John Vianney Catholic Church saw an outpouring of love and honor for Soban Namaya's remarkable achievements. SOBANS, dressed in their official Soba America attire, stood in solidarity to bid a

proper farewell to their brother. Heartfelt tributes painted a vivid picture of a man whose generosity, warmth, and commitment to his community left an indelible mark. The requiem mass, filled with solemn prayers and reflections, underscored the depth of his influence and the shared sense of loss.

A poignant moment followed as SOBANS, led by his classmates from the 1979 class, formed a guard of honor to escort Soban Namaya's casket to the hearse, a fitting tribute to a man who lived with dignity and purpose. At the burial ground, a flag ceremony further honored his memory, symbolizing the enduring respect and pride the community held for him. In a gesture of support, President Njukang Asong presented the SOBA America Memorial Shield and a \$10,000 check to Soban Namaya's widow, Mrs. Grace Namaya, a testament to SOBA America's commitment to standing by her and the kids in this time of sorrow.

Soban Godwin Eyoh Namaya, Sr., was a beloved pillar of SOBA MAL and SOBA America, known for his vibrant spirit and steadfast support for those around him. He leaves behind his devoted wife, children, extended family, friends, and a brotherhood of SOBANS who will forever cherish his memory. As we bid farewell to this extraordinary man, we pray that his soul finds eternal peace and that his legacy continues to inspire us all. May we carry forward his memory with pride, ensuring that his light shines on in the hearts of those he touched.



The Importance of Wellness and Fitness: A Call to Action from SOBA DMV

In today's fast-paced world, prioritizing wellness and fitness is more crucial than ever. The impact of a healthy lifestyle

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extends beyond the individual; it resonates throughout families, communities, and even workplaces. Recognizing this vital aspect, SOBA DMV, under the exemplary leadership of President Luma Becke, is taking significant strides to promote health and wellness for everyone.

On September 27, 2025, SOBA DMV will host a vibrant Health & Wellness Day at

Huntington South Park in Bowie, MD. This event is a testament to the organization's commitment to fostering a healthier community. From 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, families can engage in fun physical activities, learn about nutrition, practice stress management techniques, and receive vital health screenings—all in one place. The event promises a comprehensive approach to wellness, making it accessible to all ages.

This initiative is not just about fitness; it encompasses a holistic view of health. The inclusion of free blood pressure and glucose screenings underscores the importance of preventive care, empowering individuals to take charge of their health. The presence of a flu clinic further emphasizes SOBA DMV's dedication to community well-being.

President Luma Becke's leadership has set a high standard for other chapter presidents to emulate. By championing such inclusive events, SOBA DMV's leadership exemplifies how community leaders can make a meaningful impact. Their vision creates opportunities for families to come together, learn, and grow in their wellness journeys. It is a model that other chapters within SOBA—and beyond—should strive to replicate.

In addition to physical activities and health screenings, the event will offer nutrition tips and stress management techniques, recognizing that wellness is multifaceted. It's about feeling good mentally, emotionally, and physically. This comprehensive approach is essential in building resilience and promoting long-term health.

We encourage other chapter presidents to take inspiration from SOBA DMV's efforts and explore similar avenues to promote wellness in their chapters and communities. Together, we can inspire individuals and families to prioritize their health, fostering a happier and healthier society.

Join SOBA DMV on September 27th to take a step toward better health. Let's embrace wellness as a shared goal, working together to create a supportive environment that encourages everyone to feel better and live more. Don't forget to scan the QR code to register and discover the full list of activities! Together, we can build a healthier future for all.

Legacy of Volunteerism and Community Impact



Under the inspired leadership of President Toni Tambi, SOBA California has embarked on a remarkable journey of giving back to the community through its annual food bank program. This initiative not only enriches the lives of those in need but also strengthens the bonds of brotherhood and fellowship within our organization.

As President Tambi passionately shared, "It's a very fulfilling experience giving back to our community. We have committed to a legacy of volunteerism and are very proud to say that this is our second year in a row, and we will be back next year as well." This sentiment resonates deeply with all members, emphasizing the importance of service and connection.

During this year's program, SOBA California members rolled up their sleeves at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, contributing a total of 24 volunteer hours. Through their hard work and commitment, the team assembled an impressive 1,451 food kits and processed 37,584 pounds of produce. This incredible effort ensures that families and individuals throughout Los Angeles County have access to nutritious food, helping to combat food insecurity in our region.

The numbers speak volumes about the meaningful impact of our collective efforts. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of SOBA California members, many will enjoy better meals, especially during these challenging times following the recent fires.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers for their invaluable support. Your dedication makes a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. We hope you enjoyed your volunteer experience and look forward to continuing our partnership for future initiatives.

To other chapters, we encourage you to emulate SOBA California's model of service and community impact. Let's create a wave of volunteerism across all chapters,

fostering a culture of giving back and making meaningful connections within our communities. Together, we can create lasting change and continue our legacy of service.

Whenever you're ready, feel free to reach out to the NLT to learn more about how we can get involved. Let's keep the momentum going and make a difference, one community at a time!



SOBA DMV's M.A.S.H Initiative: Spreading Joy, One Soban at a Time

In a heartwarming display of camaraderie and community spirit, SOBA DMV chapter has launched an exciting new initiative dubbed M.A.S.H—Make A Soban Happy. Spearheaded by the ever-enthusiastic Soban Czar Clifford Ako (Class of 1999), a proud member of both SOBA DMV and PC SOBA America, this program is set to sprinkle a little extra joy into the lives of its members.

The concept is simple yet profoundly meaningful: during each monthly chapter meeting, one active Soban in attendance is selected through a ballot to receive a thoughtful, practical gift designed to lift their spirits and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. It's a reminder that in the hustle and bustle of life, a small gesture can go a long way in fostering connection and appreciation within the Soban family.



Kicking off the initiative with a bang, the first-ever *M.A.S.H* beneficiary was none other than the multi-talented Soban Allen Gang, affectionately known as Fakirah. In a moment brimming with warmth and cheers, Allen received his gift from the esteemed Senior Soban Oscar Tanifum (Class of '67), marking the start of what promises to be a cherished tradition.

The *M.A.S.H* pilot will run for 10 months, with each meeting bringing a new opportunity to celebrate a Soban's contributions and spirit. But the vision doesn't stop there! The SOBA DMV chapter is already dreaming big, with plans to expand the initiative into *M.A.W.O.S.H* (*Make A Wife of a Soban Happy*) and *M.A.C.O.S.H* (*Make A Child of a Soban Happy*), ensuring that the ripple effects of kindness touch every corner of the Soban community.

As Soban Czar Clifford Ako puts it, "M.A.S.H is about more than just gifts—it's about reminding each other that we're a family, here to uplift and inspire." With this initiative, SOBA

DMV is proving that brotherhood is not just a bond but a celebration of shared joy.

Here's to many more months of making Sobans happy—and to a future where wives and children of Sobans get their moment to shine too!

10 REASONS TO JOIN SOBA AMERICA



BUILDING OUR DREAMS ONE SOBAN AT A TIME!

- ✓ **Powerful Networking**
Tap into a network of 600+ professionals through our online member portal.
- ✓ **Exclusive Member Discounts**
Save big with deals at over 3,000 businesses across the US and Canada.
- ✓ **Mentorship**
Connect with seasoned SOBANS for career guidance or give back by mentoring others (**Big Brother**)
- ✓ **Celebrate Each Other**
We spotlight your businesses, achievements, and joyful life events!
- ✓ **Business & Investment Platform**
Gain access to upcoming opportunities that grow your financial future.
- ✓ **Assistance & Scholarships Program**
Get support in tough times and educational scholarships through our philanthropy arm.
- ✓ **Make a Lasting Impact**
Support students in SJC Sasse through philanthropic outreach and service.
- ✓ **Pride & Identity**
Show your pride as a member of the largest Cameroonian alumni group in the diaspora.
- ✓ **Life & Bereavement Insurance**
Protect your loved ones with SAGI life insurance enrollment benefits, SOBA America members, spouse, parents, and children bereavement support.
- ✓ **Ownership & Benefits Access**
A \$150/year membership, or join the President's club with \$1000 that covers 5 years membership will open the doors to lifelong value and support.

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FAQs about Membership, Dues and more

Join the Movement: SOBA America's Membership Drive

As we usher in the new fiscal year (June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026), it's the perfect time to strengthen our family. If you're not yet a member, don't wait another day. If you've already renewed for 2025/2026, a heartfelt thank you. Now, challenge yourself: Bring a fellow Soban on board and watch our community grow.

Why join? Membership isn't just a card; it's a gateway to exclusive benefits, lifelong connections, and a sense of belonging. From networking opportunities that could lead to your next career milestone to discounts that save you real money, the perks are endless. But here's the catch: The deadline to renew and avoid a six-month

probation period for key benefits is **August 31, 2025**. Our dues are just \$150 annually, and remember, the SOBA America year starts June 1, so renew early to stay in good standing after the 15-day grace period.

Elevate your involvement by joining the **President's Club** for \$1,000. This elite group not only covers your dues for five years (\$750) but also channels \$250 directly to our scholarship fund, empowering the next generation of Sobans. It's more than membership—it's a legacy investment.

Ready to get involved? Here are seamless ways to join or renew:

1. **Through your local chapter: Connect with your chapter leader for personalized guidance.**
2. **Online at our website: Visit www.sobamerica.org today—it's quick, secure, and just a few clicks away.**
3. **Via Zelle App: Send to \$sobamericatreasury and include your name and chapter for easy tracking.**
4. **Via PayPal: Transfer to treasurer@sobamerica.org, and don't forget to note your details.**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Membership, Dues, and Benefits

SOBA America values transparency and member engagement. We understand that navigating dues, membership requirements, and benefits can be complex. Below is a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions to help clarify your rights, responsibilities, and entitlements as a valued member of our community.

1. What are the current membership dues for SOBA America?

Annual dues for standard membership are \$150, which includes a \$50 contribution to the SOBAN Death Benefit Fund. This fund provides a \$10,000 death benefit to the next of kin of a deceased member in good standing. Members may also join the President's Club with a one-time payment of \$1,000. This contribution includes five years of membership dues, with the remainder supporting the SOBA America Scholarship Fund. Flexible payment options are available, including one-time, two, or four installments. Membership dues help fund operations, programs, scholarships, and member benefits.

2. What was the new bylaw change regarding membership adopted at the 2025 Convention?

The 2025 amendment introduced criteria for shareholder eligibility. To qualify, a member must be a former student or teacher of St. Joseph's College, Sasse, residing in the Americas and affiliated with a chapter recognized as being in good standing. A chapter is in good standing if it complies with SOBA America's constitution, submits dues in a timely manner, avoids affiliation with other SOBA bodies, and maintains at least 10 active members. This amendment promotes consistency, accountability, and unity among chapters.

3. What is the significance of the August 31st dues deadline?

Members must renew dues by August 31st each fiscal year to maintain eligibility for financial and bereavement benefits. Members who miss this deadline will be placed on a six-month probation, during which certain financial benefits, including the death benefit, are suspended. Renewing on time ensures uninterrupted access to all benefits. The fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

4. Should I wait until August 31st to pay my dues?

No. Members are encouraged to renew as early as possible, preferably at the start of the fiscal year on June 1. Renewing early ensures continuous coverage and eligibility for all benefits, especially in unforeseen emergencies. Waiting until the last day risks loss of benefits during the grace period.

5. What happens if I'm a new member or didn't renew last year?

New members and those returning after a lapse will be subject to a six-month probation period before financial benefits become active. Additionally, a two-year continuous membership is required before eligibility for the \$10,000 death benefit. This rule is in place to ensure fairness and sustainability of our benefit programs.

6. Are there benefits that do not require a probation period?

Yes. New and returning members immediately gain access to several non-financial benefits, such as participation in the mentorship program, discount programs, professional networking opportunities, chapter-level engagement, leadership training, and access to exclusive content on the member portal.

7. What is the Membership Discount Program?

This program offers SOBA America members exclusive discounts at more than 2,000 U.S. and 450 Canadian businesses. Benefits include savings on automotive services, retail purchases, groceries, school supplies, entertainment, rental cars, travel accommodations, and more. It is one of the most tangible and immediate benefits of membership.

8. How do I access these discounts?

To activate your discount access, register on the official SOBA America website and verify your membership through the Member Portal. Once verified, you can log in, browse categories, search participating businesses, and redeem offers using your digital membership ID.

9. Do I need to be in good standing to receive financial or death benefits?

Yes. You must be current on all dues and any other mandatory financial obligations at the time of the qualifying event. Benefits are only accessible to members in good standing. It's important to maintain timely payments and ensure your chapter remains compliant as well.

10. What bylaw was passed in 2023 regarding death benefit eligibility?

Members must maintain uninterrupted membership for at least two consecutive SOBA America fiscal years to be eligible for the \$10,000 death benefit. Any lapse in membership resets the two-year clock. This amendment ensures the long-term sustainability and fairness of the fund.

11. What does this two-year rule mean practically?

For example, if a member joins on July 1, 2024, and maintains membership without interruption, they will be eligible for the death benefit by July 1, 2026. If dues are missed at any point, they must restart the two-year eligibility period. This rule emphasizes the importance of continuous participation.

12. What is the 2023 Birth Benefit Resolution?

Under this resolution, when a child is born to a SOBANESE (wife of a SOBAN), the SOBA America President will publicly announce the birth. The SOBAN's CashApp, Zelle, or PayPal will be shared with the community to encourage voluntary gifts. The member must be in good standing.

13. Is written notification required for the birth benefit?

Yes. Notification of the birth must be made in writing—ideally via email—to the SOBA America President or designated officer. Verbal notifications or social media posts alone are not sufficient.

14. Where can I find these policies and bylaws?

All official documents, including the SOBA America Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures Manual, are available in the secure Member Portal. Registration on the website is required to access this area.

15. What is the 15-day grace period approved in 2024?

Members in good standing at the end of the fiscal year are given a grace period from June 1 to June 15. During this time, they retain access to financial benefits while

they finalize renewal. If dues remain unpaid after June 15, benefits are suspended until renewal. Renewal by August 31 avoids a probation period.

16. What are the current convention dues and what does “SOBAN plus Guest” mean?

Convention registration is \$150 for individual members and \$250 for a SOBAN plus one guest—typically the SOBANESE. Additional family members must purchase standard tickets to attend specific events such as the Gala, Cultural Night, or Welcome Dinner.

Scholarship Endowment Fund Update – Progress and a Call to Action!

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Join the Movement: Help Us Build a Legacy of Education

Our Scholarship Endowment Fund Campaign is well underway, and I want to take a moment to express heartfelt gratitude to those who have already stepped up to support this transformative initiative. Your early commitment is laying the foundation for a future where no deserving student from SJC Sasse is denied an education due to financial hardship.

Together, we are working to create a lasting, self-sustaining fund—one that will provide scholarships for generations to come. Every dollar raised is a powerful step toward securing this legacy.

Campaign Highlights:

A. Active Fundraisers

- Emeritus Quintus Enow – \$1,285
- SG Paul Forbang – \$705
- President Peter Henry Ghogomu – \$100
- POSA Njukang Asong – \$3,420
- Chief Luma Becke – \$2,110
- Emeritus Larry Ekaney – \$1,285
- Dr. Barrow Tabe / SOBA '92 – \$2,000
- President Sylvester Nwosu – \$235
- Anabi Epizitone – Page created, yet to raise funds
- Sone Metuge – Page created, yet to raise funds
- Gerald Tchatchoa – Page created, yet to raise funds
- Emeritus Augustine Fombon – Page created, yet to raise funds
- Dr. Felix Ngassa – Page created, yet to raise funds

- CFO Amadeus Dzekedze – Page created, yet to raise funds
- President Julius Enang – Page created, yet to raise funds
- VP Edwin Atem – Page created, yet to raise funds
- COO Etchu Ebott II – Page created, yet to raise funds

B. Individual Donors

1. Etienne Ojong-Orock – \$200
2. Emmanuel Tange – \$50
3. Kizito Kaba – \$100
4. Callistus Enow – \$25
5. Dr. Emmanuel Enohmbi – \$1,000
6. John Ndi – \$55
7. President Luma Becke – \$25
8. President Sylvester Nwosu – \$2,000
9. Emeritus Ekole Fonjungo – \$85
10. Rev. Fr. Desmond Ndikum – \$1,000
11. Virgile Mbangamoh – \$1,000
12. Leslie Atem – \$1,000
13. Dennis Gang – \$100
14. SOBA Class of 1992 – \$2,000

These SOBANS have demonstrated leadership and commitment by investing in the future of our alma mater. We are deeply inspired by their efforts—and we know this is just the beginning.

We Need You. Now is the Time to Act.

We are calling on you, our proud SOBANS across the globe, to join this movement. Let us each commit to raising at least \$1,000 toward this cause. The more who participate, the greater our impact.

This is more than a campaign—it is a legacy we are building together.

How to Get Started

15. Create your fundraising page here: [Zeffy - The Power of Giving: SOBA America Scholarship Endowment Fund](#)
16. Tell your story. Share your personal connection and why this mission matters to you.
17. Spread the word. Rally your network of friends, family, and colleagues. Every share makes a difference.

Let's rise to the moment. Together, we can ensure no Soban is left behind.

Happy New Month!

As we step into September, we wish you strength, peace, and abundant blessings. Let us continue to stand together, support one another, and keep uplifting our SOBA America community.

May this month bring joy, success, and fulfillment in all your endeavors.



Stay connected—and let's make September a month to remember!

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

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Thank you for reading

On behalf of the National Leadership Team (NLT), I extend my warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyful, prosperous, and purpose-driven new month.

As we step forward together, may this new chapter bring renewed strength, unity, and inspiration to each of us. Let us continue to lead with integrity, serve with humility, and build with vision.

In SOBA America, leadership is not a title—it is a commitment. Each SOBAN is a torchbearer of legacy, excellence, and brotherhood.

May we embrace this month with bold ideas, collaborative spirit, and unwavering dedication to shaping the future of our beloved association.

SOBANLY yours,

Njukang Asong
President of SOBA America (POSA)

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