



DMGS Old Boys Association of
North America (DOBANA)

9th Biennial Convention

Theme: *Building Bridges to the Future*

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**George Achebe MD,
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Principal's Report Presented to DOBANA 9th Biennial Convention 2018



Introduction

The DOBANA Biennial Convention is here again and this is the 9th in its series. When we think upon your many contributions and support to our dear alma mater, we are left amazed and speechless. What love, what zeal, what a dedication! We have never cried to DOBANA and left without a response. Our dear alma mater oozes with the DOBANA presence. And DOBANA has become a watch word on the lips of both staff and students.

Your recent donation of audio-visual aids (55" smart TV, and HD day light projector) has helped immensely in the teaching of information and communication technology (ICT). The subject is no longer abstract, as the students are able to experience first-hand and in practical terms what the subject is all about. We hope that by the year 2025, God willing, all classrooms in our school will be fully equipped with audio-visual aids, this will make teaching and learning more interesting.

News from the School

Our school has continued to set the pace in both external and local competitions. In recent times, we took the first position in both junior and senior science quiz competition organized by the Onitsha Zone of the Post Primary School Service Commission (PPSSC). Our students Nnabuihe Paul and

Soyabuchi Ubajekwe (a beneficiary of the DOBANA scholarship) also took the 1st and 2nd positions respectively in the zonal Chemistry Society Science competition and represented Onitsha Zone in the state finals and took the second position. Nnabuihe Paul will be representing Anambra State in the National Science Teachers Association final science quiz competition coming up in Katsina State on 14th – 21st August, 2018. The school Senior Prefect, Master Chibuike Ezech represented the school in the Eastern Region Spelling Bee competition for secondary schools. He with students from 7 other secondary schools will represent the Eastern Region of Nigeria in the National finals Spelling Bee competition.

Other laurels won by the student this session include; 1st Position in junior category of the Diocesan Science quiz

competition. The school was represented by Master Armstrong Ikedi in JSS2 (DOBANA scholarship recipient). The following students Master Nnabuihe Paul and Master Soyabuchi Ubajekwe also took the 1st and 2nd positions respectively in the senior category of the Diocesan Science quiz competition. The school debate team also came 1st in the Diocesan debate competition. The March Past squad also won the laurel for the 1st place in both the Diocesan Inter – schools march past competition and Onitsha North Local Government Area Children’s day celebration.

The Diocese and the School
The Diocese on the Niger understands the pride of place the Dennis Memorial Grammar School holds in the society. The Bishop on the Niger, The Right Rev Owen Chiedozie Nwokolo (PhD) has continued to lend maximum support to the school. Recently in reorganizing schools’ management boards all over the diocese, he gave our dear alma mater, the best of the bests. The school management board has as its chairman, the Venerable Obiora Uzochukwu who incidentally was the former Diocese on the Niger Education Secretary and the incumbent Sub-Dean of the All

Saints’ Cathedral Onitsha. is well learned and vast in educational management. In few months’ time, we hope to see some positive visible infrastructural and academic changes in the school.

DEF
We are grateful to DOBANA for the leading role its members are playing in the D.M.G.S Endowment Fund (DEF). When the goal is achieved, maintenance of infrastructure and other needs of the school will no longer be a herculean task. We encourage all those who have made pledges to redeem their pledges and those who are yet to get involved to please see it as something that worth doing. We encourage the trustees of the DEF project not to relent in their efforts towards achieving this laudable feat.

Needs
Dengramites in their various classes and collectively have continued to make donations to the school. Our dear alma mater has myriad of needs. Under-listed are our immediate needs:

1. A 32 Seat Coaster Bus for commuting students in large number to excursion sites.

2. 100 Sets of Computers for the ICT laboratory.
3. Industrial Cooking equipment for the Kitchen.
4. Industrial water heater for the school.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the theme: Building Bridges to the Future, we must see ourselves as the architects, engineers and ultimately as the bridges connecting the present realities with the unknown future. The set plan must be carefully considered, the methods x-rayed with present realities and the structure solidly built with durable materials that will be able to carry the load that may be placed on it time and again. We do hope that your gathering will achieve this.

May God bless your deliberations and do have a wonderful convention.

Lux Fiat!

**Anieto Chigozie (Rev Canon)
Principal**

Goodwill Message from President General DOBA Worldwide



My dear fellow Dengramites

On behalf of the General Executive Council (GEC) and the entire membership of Dennis Memorial Grammar School Onitsha Old Boys Association Worldwide, I send you hearty greetings on the occasion of the 9th Biennial Convention of DMGS Old Boys Association of North America (DOBANA) in Newark, New Jersey.

This convention offers yet another opportunity for a grand reunion of school mates, friends and families

who have a common heritage in our beloved Alma Mater, the famous DMGS Onitsha.

May I congratulate DOBANA President Dr. Kingsley Oraedu and all the hardworking members of the Convention Planning Committee for their dedication and commitment to the success of this Convention. I also appreciate all Dengramites who are in attendance together with friends and families to add value and glamour to the occasion.

I am excited at the theme of this convention which is "Building Bridges to the Future".

The thoughts and plans of how to transit from where you are now to where you want to be has been for ages one of the challenges of progressive minds everywhere.

As we savour our

reminiscences and the joys of the reunion, we must focus on the prospects and future of our Alma Mater.

The DMGS Endowment Fund (DEF) which was pioneered and powered by DOBANA remains our veritable investment to guarantee excellence in our Alma Mater and sustain our pride of place as the reference point in Secondary School Education in our home country Nigeria.

It gives me great pleasure to encourage all true Dengramites to contribute to then DGMS Endowment Fund Project.

I wish you all fruitful deliberations and joyous fun filled celebrations.
Lux Fiat!

*Dr. Sir. Eric Anazodo
President General
DOBA Worldwide*

President's Address



Fellow Dengramites,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our 2018 Convention in New Jersey. Many thanks to the TriState Chapter for hosting us this year. I want to thank everyone who has made the effort to travel from different parts of the world to grace this occasion. We are pleased that the Proprietor of DMGS Bishop Owen Nwokolo has made out time from his busy schedule to be with us.

DMGS Old Boys Association of North America is one of the strongest associations of our Old Boys worldwide. We have been very active in supporting our Alma Mater both financially and morally. We have set up a robust Scholarship and Prizegiving Fund from very generous Old Boys. This fund has for many years benefited our best and brightest students and staff. We have been actively involved in infrastructure development at our Alma Mater. I was at the school earlier this year to present audiovisual equipments to the Principal. The DMGS Endowment Fund was also initiated by our members and we have been contributing generously to the fund.

The challenges in our school are enormous. We know that Government is unable to provide most of the school's needs. We must therefore redouble our efforts and commitment to our Alma

Mater. Our school is the premier secondary school in the East and we must maintain our high standards.

As we gather in New Jersey to celebrate and rededicate ourselves to our Alma Mater let us pray for the souls of our recently departed Old Boys. May God grant them eternal rest.

As we all prepare to return to our various stations may God guide and protect us on our journeys. May we all continue to show the light in our various professional engagements. God bless you all.

Lux Fiat.

**Kingsley Oraedu, MD.
FACOG. MRCOG.
President DOBANA.**



Dr. & Mrs. George Achebe

The Family of Dr and Mrs George Achebe wish to congratulate Dobana and also wish them success on their upcoming 9th Biennial Convention in Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott August 3 to 5, 2018.
Up Dengram!

Nnamdi Achebe
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AS DENGRAMITES GATHER TOGETHER IN NEWARK, USA ON 3-5 AUGUST 2018, WE HOPE YOU WILL BE THE LIGHT OF DMGS AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TO HELP.



DEF WISHES THE DMGS OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (DOBANA) A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION. LUX FIAT

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Goodwill Message

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HIS LORDSHIP, RT REV DR OWEN NWOKOLO BISHOP ON THE NIGER

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**WE WISH TO USE THIS MEDIUM TO APPRECIATE AND COMMEND YOU ON YOUR
LOVE AND PATRIOTISM FOR YOUR ALMA MATER, AND OUR LIGHT BEARER, DMGS.
ON BEHALF OF THE DIOCESE ON THE NIGER, WE WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL
CONVENTION. LUX FIAT**

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A portrait of Chief Green E. Dim, a middle-aged Black man with a short grey beard and mustache, smiling. He is wearing a maroon suit jacket, a white shirt, and a maroon tie with a gold crest. A maroon pocket square with a gold crest is in his jacket pocket. The background is a light-colored wall with a window.

Chief Green E. Dim

**(Eze Omenukoakun'Uga)
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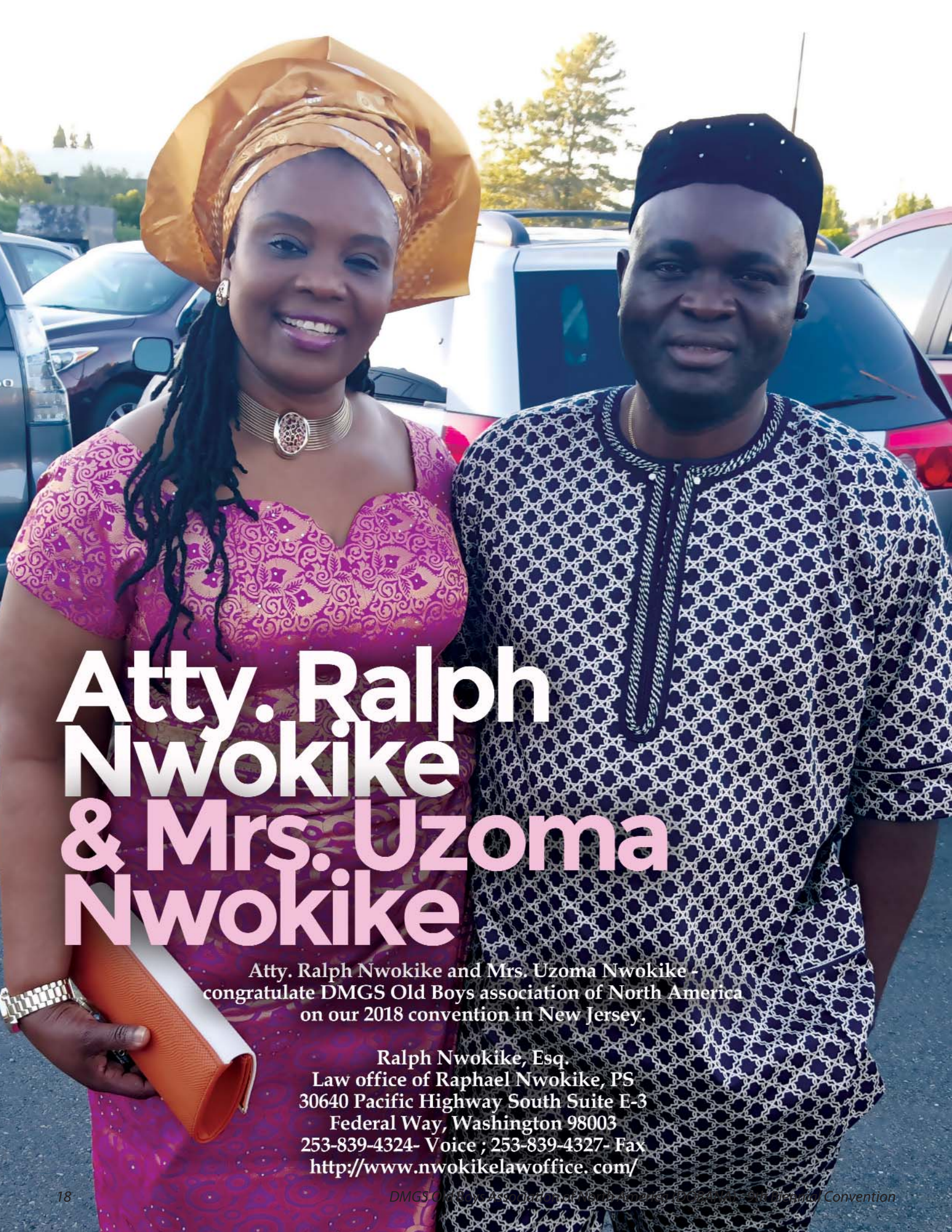




Chris Oraedu, MD & Rosemary Oraedu, MD

Congratulations to Dengramites and President
Kingsley Oraedu, MD on your Convention.

Signed,
Chris Oraedu, MD
Rosemary Oraedu, MD



Atty. Ralph Nwokike & Mrs. Uzoma Nwokike

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Abattam Family

Ben Abattam's Spirit joining with Uche, Daughter-Chizoba, Sons, Chidozie and Jideofor in Wishing Dobana: Love, Peace and Unity in the 2018 Convention.

Lux Fiat

**Uche Abattam (Ifedimma)
For the Family**



Chief Green E. Dim



**Congratulations to DOBANA on its 2018 Convention.
Congratulations also to our three wonderful children for their excellence
and for making it possible for Dad to retire and dedicate the balance of
his active life towards the service of DMGS and DOBANA.**

**Chief Green E. Dim (Eze Omenukoaku n' Uga) & Lolo Edith N. Dim
(Quality Lady)**



DMGS Old Boys Association UK - DOBA UK

**Dengramites @ Doba UK Re-Dedication Service
on 27 May 2018**

**Front Row L-R: Chinedu Okpara, Emeka
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Chijioke Ojji, Green Dim, Nwachukwu
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Okonkwo, Emmanuel Udezue, Chuba Nwoka**

Middle Row L-R: Guy Dike, Ikenna Azie

**Back Row L-R: Nathan Azie, Akaolisa Okonkwo
Lux Fiat**

**DOBA UK celebrates with DOBANA on their
convention on 4-6 Aug 2018**



Dr. & Mrs. Okey Okoli

My Wife and i salute DOBANA on this 9th Biennial Convention.
We share your goals and aspirations.
Okey Okoli, MD
(Omeifeukwu)

A WEEK IN HOWELLS HOUSE (D.M.G.S. 1953-1954)

It causes me extreme pain and distress whenever I compare the present state of D.M.G.S with what I saw when I was in Howells house in 1953-1954. Howells house made a greater impression on me than Tugwell house possibly because of the people I met there. It is not easy to forget the late Mr. Samuel Erike my first dormitory leader, D.M.G.S goal keeper and Champion in the 440 and 880 yards races, the late Professor of history Dr. Fred Omu who was a Professor at the University of Lagos. He was my next dormitory leader. One cannot easily forget the indefatigable Dr. Ekanem-Ita Ekanem Umoh easily, the best all rounder during my stay in the D.M.G.S.

In 1953 Reverend P.J. Ross was the Principal and Mr. Daniel Erinne was the Vice-Principal. He was Nicknamed 'Birm' because he has a BSc in Chemistry from the University of Birmingham in England. In 1954, Rev. P.J. Ross became the Principal of St. Marks College, Nibo-Nise, a Teacher Training College. Mr. S. J. Cookey, from Okirika Grammar School became the first black Principal of D.M.G.S. Mr. D. C. Erinne became the Principal of another Teacher Training College at Irete, near Owerri. Mr. Erinne lost his life a few years later in a tragic car accident on his way to Lagos from where he would have flown to London to become the Agent-General for Eastern Nigeria in the United Kingdom.

There was no idle time in Howells house. We woke up at 5:30am for private devotion which lasted up till 6am. I do not think that most of us did any devotion. I do not know of any one that did. Most of us snatched an extra 30 minutes of sleep. At 6am, we were on our way to the playground for physical training. By 6:30am, we were on our way to the bathroom. 7am was the time for the morning prep. You dare not absent yourself or be a minute late. 8am was time for breakfast. Lateness may result in your being locked out of the dining hall. Your food may be distributed to the other students. In the dining hall, members of each house sat together. The class one students washed the plates and cleaned the tables. The class 3 students were always too eager to 'disqualify' your table if you did not clean it on time. If your table is disqualified, you have to beg one of your friends to help you carry it outside so that you can wash it. By 9am, the entire school will be in the assembly hall for morning worship. You dare not be late or absent. After the Assembly, we went to classes. Each class lasted for 40 minutes. After 7 classes, it was time for lunch. 2pm was time for lunch. 2:30pm to 3:30pm was time for afternoon sleep. After 3:30pm, it was time for games. There was always one inter- house sports or the other. There was soccer, hockey, athletics, boxing. We did not play cricket, 6pm was time for dinner. After dinner we will go to the D.M.G.S. round-about for ground-nuts. None of us had the courage to venture beyond the round-about. Some of us were almost addicted to the tasty, baked ground-nuts that those women at the round-about sold to us. We called the ground-nuts 'Mgbowa'. It was our Biology Tutor Mr. Isaac Amata that told us that 'Mgbowa' was the name of a Senegalese student who was so fond of ground-nuts that the other students gave his name to this delicacy. Most of us do not know the tune of the Mgbowa song.

We should all learn this song so that this tradition will not be lost. Mr. Solomon Obi was very popular with us. We bought iced oranges and banana from his store which was at the round-about. He operated a kerosene refrigerator. He must have made a fortune from us. He trained his son at the C.K.C.. His son became Governor of Anambra State twice!

Night Prep. started from 7pm and lasted till 9pm for Classes 1 to 4 students and till 10pm for classes 5 and Higher School students. 9pm was lights out for the more junior students. The class 4 students told the more junior ones that they, the class 4 students were the only 'Cocks that crew'. They were the only students that spoke after lights out. 10pm was lights out for every body. If any student was found 'cockroaching' i.e reading after 10pm, that could lead to a week or two weeks suspension from school. After the lights out, the Tutors will be making their own rounds to make sure that orders were kept. On Saturday mornings, there was Inspection of the dormitories. The dormitories, the lawns, the bathrooms, the toilets, the bedding, the lockers etc were kept spotlessly clean. Aggrey house almost always won the competition for cleanliness. On Saturdays, we went to Onitsha town in school uniform for hobbies such as black-smithing, Auto-mechanic, Tailoring, Shoe-making etc. Unfortunately, most of us never took these hobbies seriously.

In Howells, we had an anthem and also a 'Motto'. The Motto was 'Through difficulties to the Stars'. We all strove to make Howells house the best in D.M.G.S. We had social evenings where each house entertained the entire school with songs and concerts. Gradually, these social evenings changed to classical plays where scenes in Julius Caesar and Coriolanus etc were acted.

On Sunday mornings by a.m., the entire school marched to the Lady's Chapel of the Anglican Cathedral for Church services. The Anglican Cathedral was a stone throw from D.M.G.S. These services were compulsory. Most of us went to these services as a routine. Our heart was not in it. We went to church to fulfill all righteousness, we were all un-saved. The Holy Spirit was not in any of us. We knew almost nothing about the Lord Jesus. We carried out the same routine for the evening services. Some us fell asleep during the sermon.

Since 1968 D.M.G.S. has been in ruins. D.M.G.S. was a battle ground from the middle of 1968 to the end of the war in January 1970. Only the old school building and a few other buildings were left but without a roof. Only a miracle will re-build D.M.G.S. I strongly believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will completely rebuild, re-equip, refashion D.M.G.S. It is His school. He is the only one that can give us this miracle.



Emmanuel Ekulide MD
Howells and Tugwell 1953-1957

A portrait of Chief Green Etisiobi Dim, a man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a red traditional cap with a gold emblem, a white striped traditional shirt, and a gold chain. He is holding a large, round, brown ceremonial object with a star and text. The background shows a building with a checkered pattern and a blue car.

Chief Green Etisiobi Dim

(Eze Omenukoaku n'Uga)

I want to congratulate DOBANA on its 2018 Convention in Newark, New Jersey, USA. A very special congratulations also to my good friend and President Elect, Chief Ndubisi Oguejiofor, Akajiugo n'Ozubulu (Ekwueme of DMGS). Onye ji gi jikwa madu. You are in deed a model Dengramite, and DOBANA could not have chosen a better person POD over the next few years. May God bless and guide your presidency of DOBANA

Ndewo.

Chief Green E. Dim
EzeOmenukoaku n'Uga

Congratulations from the Offodile Family



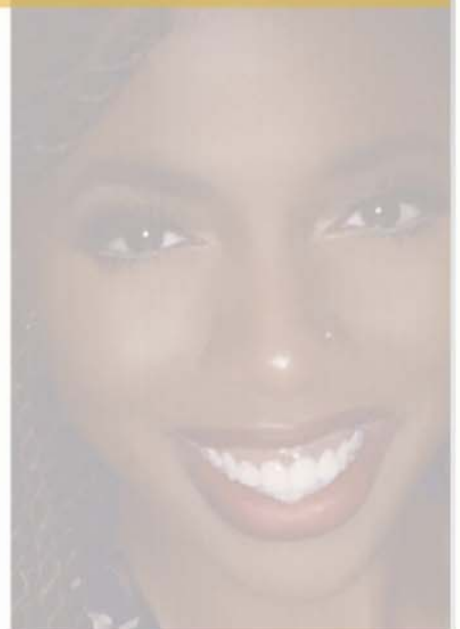
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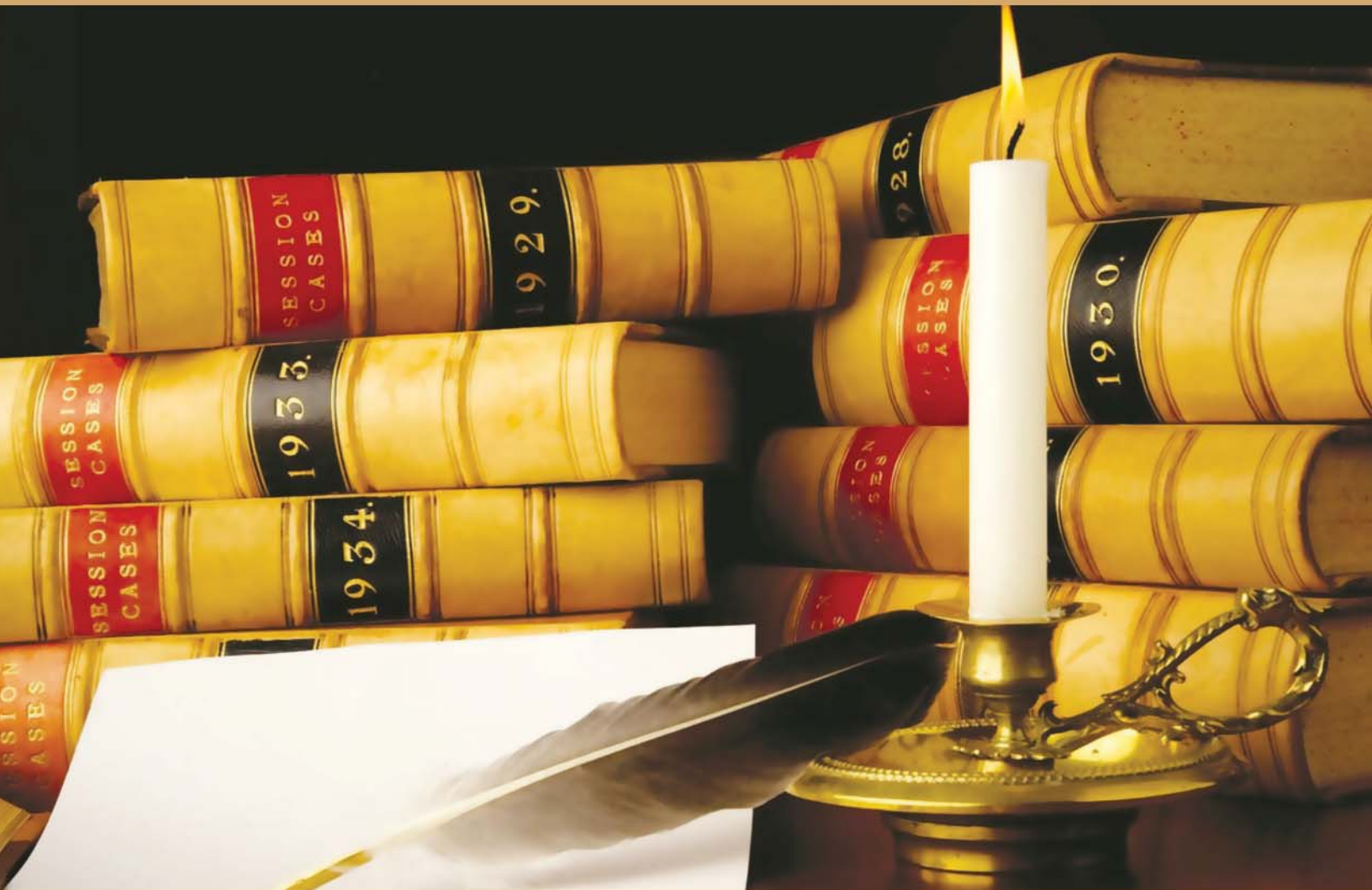
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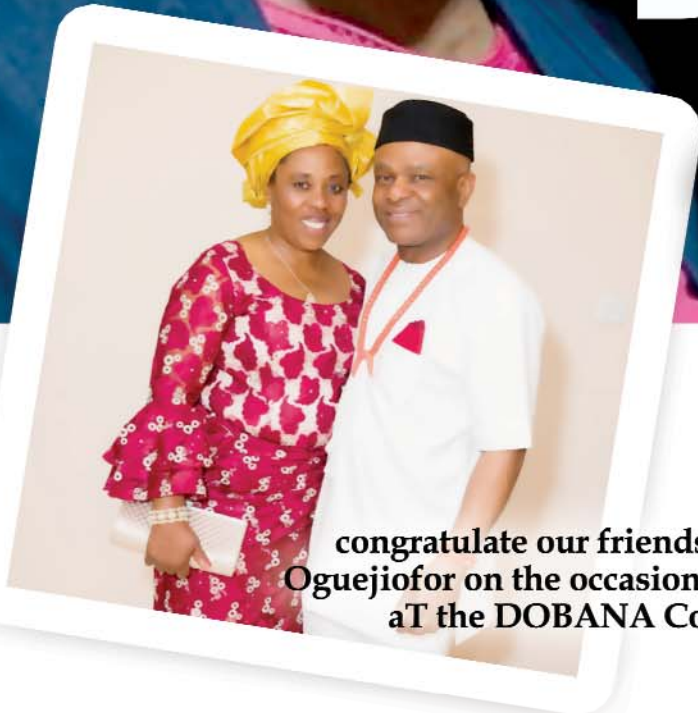
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**The Family Of The Late Doba Secretary
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Rejoice With Dobana On Their 9th
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**congratulate our friends Mr. Ndubisi & Mrs. Miriam
Oguejiofor on the occasion of his confirmation as President
at the DOBANA Convention 3-5 August 2018**

Rev. E. D. C. Clark - Champion of DMGS

*By Clement C. Onyemelukwe, DMGS Old Boy,
June 19, 2018*

It can be said that Rev. E. D. C. Clark was the principal who made DMGS what it is today. When I got into DMGS in 1946, it was already known under Rev. Clark as the school that consistently scored 100% in Cambridge School Leaving exams. At my time, students were from all parts of Eastern Nigeria, not just Igbos. Two of the senior prefects in my time were not Igbo. DMGS was also known as the best in football for secondary schools in the East, rivalled only by C. K. C. Onitsha, at the time the Roman Catholic rival to DMGS.

E. D. C. Clark was a tall imposing figure, always wearing a white shirt and short brown knicker except Sundays. He was a disciplinarian. As students we learnt discipline from hearing the punishment of wrongdoers. We always knew who the offender was; E. D. C. Clark would lock his office and cane the miscreant.

The present high influence of DMGS is based primarily on its influence in the Anglican religion in the then Eastern Nigeria. Rev. Clark laid the foundation for transferring the Anglican missionary

control in Eastern Nigeria to the native Igbos. Before and during Rev. Clark's time all Bishops had been English missionaries. Patterson was Bishop of most of eastern Nigeria when Rev. Clark was at DMGS. It was Clark as principal of DMGS who brought an old retiring Headmaster of the CMS Central School of Onitsha, Mr. Uzodike, a non-DMGS Old Boy, to DMGS as a "teacher." Uzodike was then sent to UK. When he returned he was made Assistant Bishop on the Niger.

Rev. Clark got DMGS

students spiritually involved in social work and gradually trained them to become priests, bishops and archbishops.

- Bishop Nwankiti, later Archbishop Nwankiti for Owerri Diocese
- Bishop Otubelu in the newly created Enugu Diocese
- Bishop Jonathan Onyemelukwe (my cousin) who replaced Bishop Uzodike as the Bishop on the Niger and was later Archbishop covering the Anglican Dioceses in Rivers and Cross-River
- Bishop Anikwenwa (a DMGS priest in St. Andrew's Church Onitsha under Bishop Jonathan) elevated later into a new Diocese of Awka created out of Niger to become later Archbishop Anikwenwa
- Bishop Nwosu who was junior to me in Howells House was brought up by the Rev. Clark as Bishop of the new Diocese of Asaba.

So, there was a time when due to Rev. Clark as the

principal of DMGS the whole Anglican system in Eastern Nigeria was controlled by DMGS bishops and archbishops.

They elevated DMGS to more than just a secondary school. That is the reason why after the civil war, the Administrator of the Eastern States, Ukpabi Asika, quickly surrendered DMGS back to the Anglicans despite his claimed take-over of secondary schools in the rebellious East.

The present Bishop on the Niger (non-DMGS) was the first non-DMGS bishop following the rule of DMGS Bishops in Eastern Nigeria. Rev. Ross was off and on the only other white missionary in our time under Rev. Clark. Contrary to a common assumption, he was not called Assistant Principal.

After I and my classmates left DMGS in 1950, we were shocked to learn that Rev. Clark was transferred from DMGS to a teacher training college in Asaba and Rev.

Ross made the DMGS principal.

It was then that missionaries decided to Nigerianize the position of DMGS principal. S. J. Cookey was brought in, a non-Igbo, who did a fantastic job in raising DMGS. Mr. Ogoazi came further down the line.

He left a legacy but nothing to rival the place of E. D. C. Clark in the history of DMGS. Neither Cookey nor Ogoazi were DMGS Old Boys.

The present Bishop on the Niger must have felt it a privilege to be the first to take over from a DMGS entrenched bishopric system.

Dr Kenneth Oguejiofor & Family

We come as Eagles

As fire tempers steel, my years at DMGS [1967-1973] were a solid foundation for restoring the dignity of man.

Looking back to January 1967 when accompanied by my father, I arrived at this school that he held in the highest esteem. I recall the popular Christian Hymn 'Amazing Grace' by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton [1725-1807].

I therefore humbly pay my respects to the founding fathers of this great school, my fellow Dengramites both in the physical and spiritual worlds, and the staff both past and present.

Fellow Dengramites, the situation at our Alma mater reminds me of a statement in a speech delivered on August 28, 1963 by Martin Luther King Jr. that "We are

confronted with the fierce urgency of now."

The next two quotes are also from Martin Luther King Jr. –

1. "There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect."

2. "History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people but appalling silence of the good people."

Ronald Reagan [1911-2004] the 40th president of the United States in 1981 said, "I know it's a hell of a challenge, but ask yourselves if not us, who? If not now, when?"

Rumi [1207-1273] The Sufi poet: The Angel is free because of his knowledge, the beast because of his ignorance. Between the two remains the son of man to struggle.

Dengramites, A Luta Continua! [Portuguese for The

Struggle Continues].

Fellow Dengramites, there is no room for procrastination, make it happen. Stand up and be counted.

I will leave you with the words of Edward "Ted" Kennedy [US senator 1932-2009] – For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die.

A stanza in the poem "A Psalm of Life" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow [1807-1882] is as follows:

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time;

LUX FIAT

*Kenneth C. Oguejiofor, MD
[Tugwell House 1967-1973]*



Prof. & Mrs. BCI Okpokwasili

On this 9th Biennial DOBANA Convention, we
congratulate all Dengramites.
May the good Lord continue to bless and sustain this
Great Institution of DMGS Old Boys and all
Associated with her.

Congratulatory Message to DOBANA from DMGS Class of 1977

It is with immense pleasure that we congratulate DMGS OBANA (DOBANA) for the successful hosting of the 9th Biennial Convention holding at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel, Newark, New Jersey from August 3-5, 2018.

It is of note (as enshrined in our DOBA C77 Bye-Laws) that ALL members of C77 must belong to different branches of DOBA Worldwide where such members are domiciled; as financially up-to-date members therein, hence, DOBANA records a

handful of our class mates.

We therefore, wish DOBANA a very historic and rewarding Conference; where matters of interest on continued development of our great Alma Mater and the students will take prominence.

We appreciate the dedicated efforts of the President, Dr Kinsley Oraedu (Nnabuenyi n'Oba), his Executive and the Convention Planning Committee ably led by Ndubisi Oguejiofor (Akajiugo n'Ozubulu) for a job well done!

May God protect and guide

all the prospective participants back to their respective homes, in Jesus name, Amen!!
Lux Fiat!!!

Sunny Nwachukwu (LS, FICCON)
Chairman, DOBA C77

Sir Tim C. Ezeife
Secretary, DOBA C77



The family of Iyke Iloabachie

The family of of Iyke Iloabachie will like to
congratulate the New Jersey Chapter on hosting the
9th Biennial DMGS convention

Iyke Iloabachie
Clark House



Prof. & (Dr. Mrs.) Donald & Edith Anadu

Prof and (Dr. Mrs.) Donald & Edith Anadu congratulate the
Dobana at the 2018 National Convention.
Donald Igwegbe Anadu
Livingston House 65/67



Festus & Gladys Idahosa - Erese family

The Family of Festus & Gladys Idahosa-Erese congratulate our friends Ndubisi & Miriam Oguejiofor and all Dengramites on their 9th Biennial Convention. We certainly approve and support quality and affordable education which DMGS stands for.

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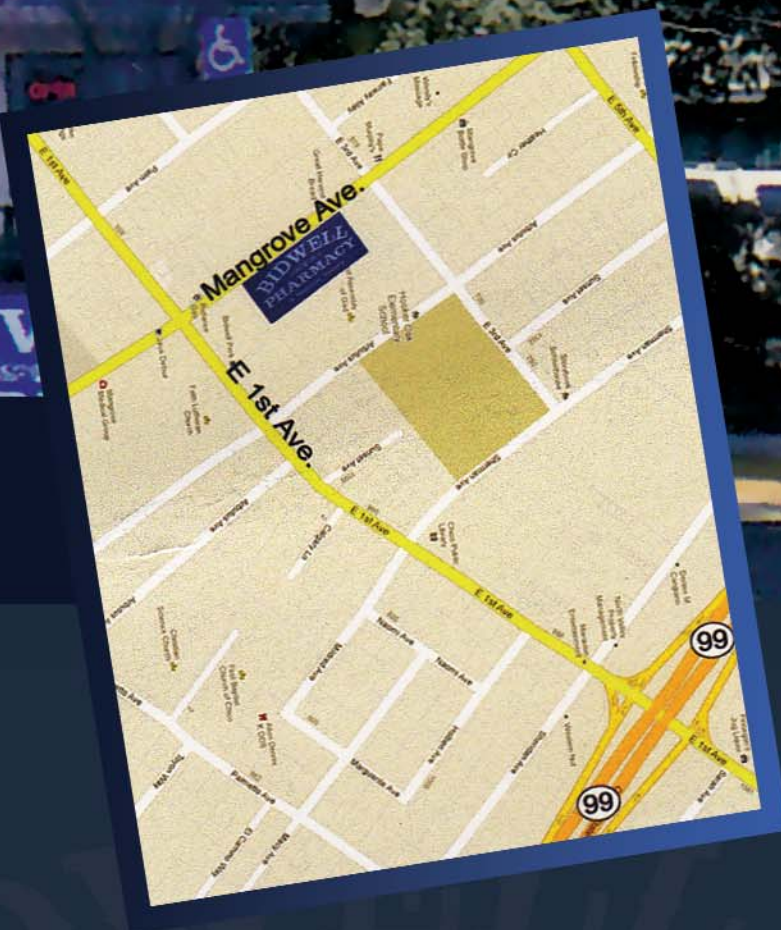
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**Signed
Osita Okafor (President)**



The family of Nwachukwu Sam Okonkwo

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Dr. & Mrs.
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Obosi)

**Congratulations to DOBANA Tri-State Chapter for
hosting our 2018 Convention.
Dr. Nnamdi Kingsley Offor.**

Dikemba Obosi & Ochendo Dikemba.



Okechukwu Ekenna & family

We wish to congratulate DOBANA on the occasion of its 9th. Biennial National Convention in Newark, New Jersey. We wish for continued DOBANA progress towards a great future in leading DMGS towards the goal of self-sufficiency, envisioned in the the DMGS Endowment Fund (DEF).
Congratulations again.

Okechukwu Ekenna and Family (Chiazo and Emeka Ekenna)
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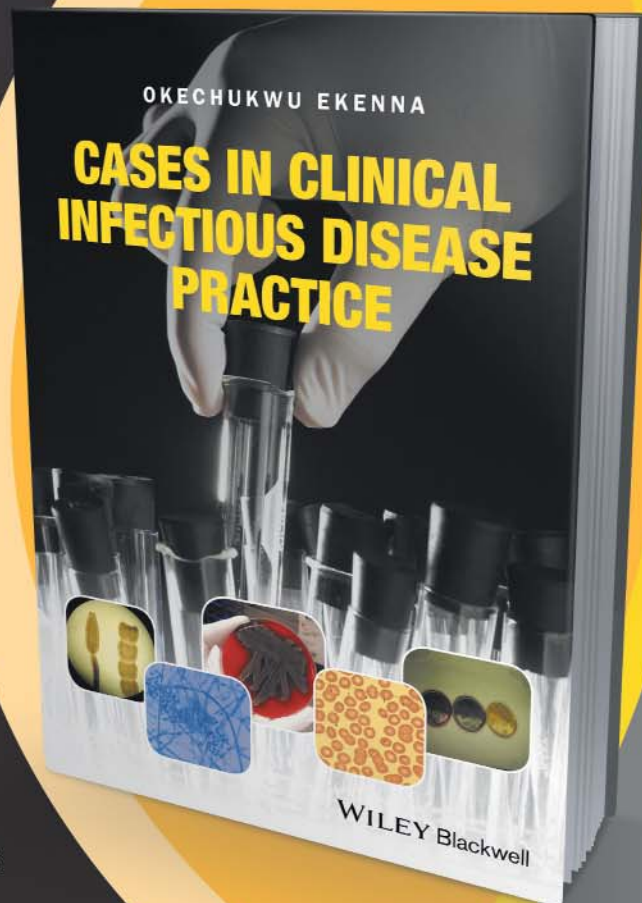
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MD. FACOG on a successful DMGS Old Boys 2018
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Sir. (Engr) Ike Oraedu
Nneka Oraedu, MD



In Memoriam **Sir. J..N. Ezeukwu**

Sir J N Ezeukwu, a renowned and distinguished educationist was born on the 9th of November 1928. He was a DMGS student, teacher and principal – the three occasions he refers to as his three missionaries journeys to DMGS. He died on the 28th of December 2017 after more than 60 years of marriage to his beloved wife, Lady D Ezeukwu. He was buried on the 16th of March 2018 and is survived by his wife and 4 children.
May light perpetual shine on him.



Kingsley, Linda, Uju, Chisom, Lotanna Oraedu

Congratulations to our son Ogonna Oraedu Class of
2021 Columbia University, NY

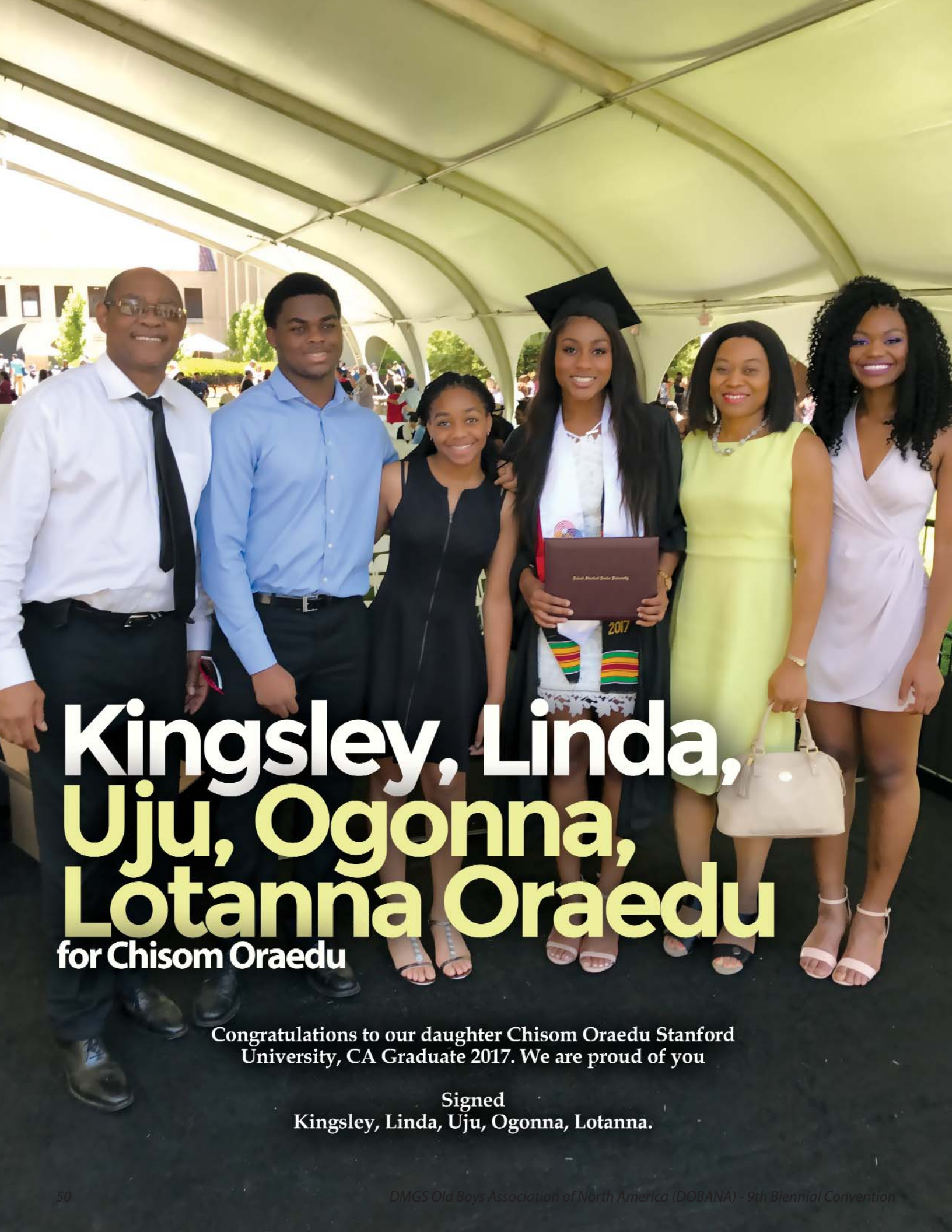
Signed,
Kingsley, Linda, Uju, Chisom, Lotanna.

A portrait of a woman, Mrs. Ebele Onwugaje (née Oraedu), wearing a large, shiny purple headwrap (gele) and a white lace dress with intricate silver beadwork. She is wearing glasses and a necklace. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Mrs. Ebele Onwugaje (née Oraedu) for Kingsley Oraedu, MD

Congratulations to DOBANA President Kingsley Oraedu,
MD. FACOG on a Successful DMGS Old Boys 2018
Convention

Signed,
Mrs Ebele Onwugaje (née Oraedu)
Houston



Kingsley, Linda, Uju, Ogonna, Lotanna Oraedu

for Chisom Oraedu

Congratulations to our daughter Chisom Oraedu Stanford University, CA Graduate 2017. We are proud of you

Signed
Kingsley, Linda, Uju, Ogonna, Lotanna.



Mr. & Mrs. Nnaedochie & Charity Okoli

Congratulations to DMGS Old Boys Association of North America (DOBANA) on its 2018 Biennial Convention in Newark, New Jersey.

You are challenged and Inspired.

"Lux Fiat, Uphold Always"

From: Mr. & Mrs. Nnaedochie & Charity Okoli



Nze Larry & Hon. Floxy Monwe

The Monwe Families in North America congratulates DOBANA On its bi-annual Convention in the TRI State area. We welcome all attendees and extends our profound greetings to the members. Lux Fiat.

**Nze Larry & Hon Floxy Monwe
Ugodinobi & Anu Enyi n'Oba
For the Family**



Old Boys and their families in The West Coast Chapter of DMGS OBANA

Old Boys and their families in The West Coast Chapter of DMGS OBANA send warm greetings to all Dengramites.
Wishing everybody a succesful convention at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott August 3 to 5, 2018.
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Signed: Austin Emeka Osakwe (Co-Ordinator Dobana West Coast)



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in Newark, New Jersey.



Mr. Ifeanyi G. Egbuna, Mrs. Deborah Holloway and granddaughter Miracle Ralligh



Francisca Chinonye, Deborah Nneka and Brittina Nkechi

In Memory of Two Dear Friends

By Ifeanyi G. Egbuna

Once we are born into this world, every day that passes brings us one day closer to the exit door called death. Nobody knows how fast or when he/she will reach this exit door. In 2017, death pushed out of this exit door two of my best friends - Mr. Donald Haughton and Aloy Nkem Dim.



DONALD HAUGHTON

Donald was a close friend and confidant. He passed away very suddenly and unexpected. Donald was also an active supporter of DOBANA events, including the 2016 DOBANA Convention in Toronto, Canada. He is greatly missed. May his soul rest in perfect peace.



NKEM A. DIM

Nkem was more than a friend. Indeed, he was a brother. We sought admission to the School of Architecture, Syracuse University. He is heavily missed. Nkem was a nephew of Chief Omenukoaku n'Uga. He died in Canada. While we do not know why certain things happen, God is the only one who knows. May Nkem's soul rest in perfect peace.



Chris & Jane Nwakoby

(Nnamenyi na Nkwelle Ezunaka)

On behalf of my family I wish to congratulate DMGS old boys in North America for yet another great convention. We have come a long way. We will continue to add value to our alma mater, DMGS. Let's keep up the great work. May God bless us all.
Lux Fiat

Chris & Jane Nwakoby
Nnamenyi na Nkwelle Ezunaka

A portrait of Dr. Eddie Ozumba, an older man with a gentle expression, wearing a black traditional cap with gold star-like embroidery and a black garment with intricate gold and red patterns. The background is dark and out of focus.

Dr. Eddie Ozumba

Your Powerful Convention Theme Recognises that we cannot change our past, but we can change our future outcome by the actions we take today.
On Behalf of myself, my family and Dengramites in New Zealand and Australia, I salute you all, and wish you a very successful Convention.

Dr Eddie Ozumba
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Nze Max & Mrs. Nkoli Ezenwa

Congratulations to President DOBANA Kingsley Oraedu,
MD. FACOG on the 2018 Convention in New Jersey

Signed,
Nze Max Ezenwa
Mrs Nkoli Ezenwa (Née Oraedu)
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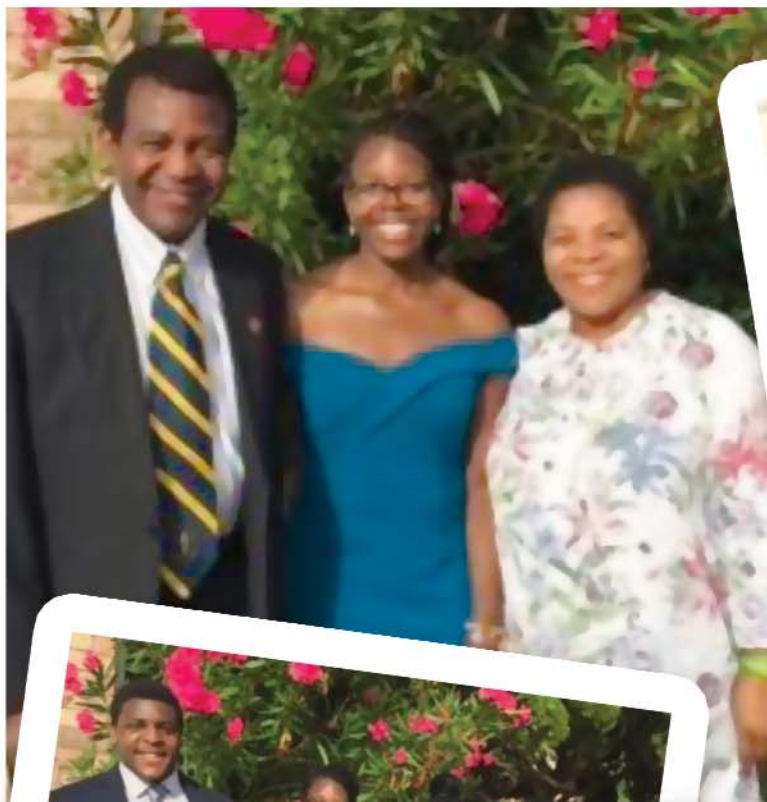
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Dr. Nddi Ogechi Abara & family

Dr. Nddi Ogechi Abara and family congratulates the President of DOBANA, Dr. Kingsley Oraedu, on the 9th Biennial DOBANA Convention in New Jersey, USA

Nddi Abara, as the First Editor of the KID'S Corner of "THE DENGGRAMITE" - DOBANA Newsletter, with her team, raised substantial amount of funds for the rebuilding of DMGS on completion of the Family Medicine Program at the UTMB, Galveston, Texas USA on 30 June 2018, she received the following Awards :

- Chief Resident award - Professionalism award - Clinical Excellence award
- Most Compassionate Resident award

We are delighted with her achievements and thank God for many blessings

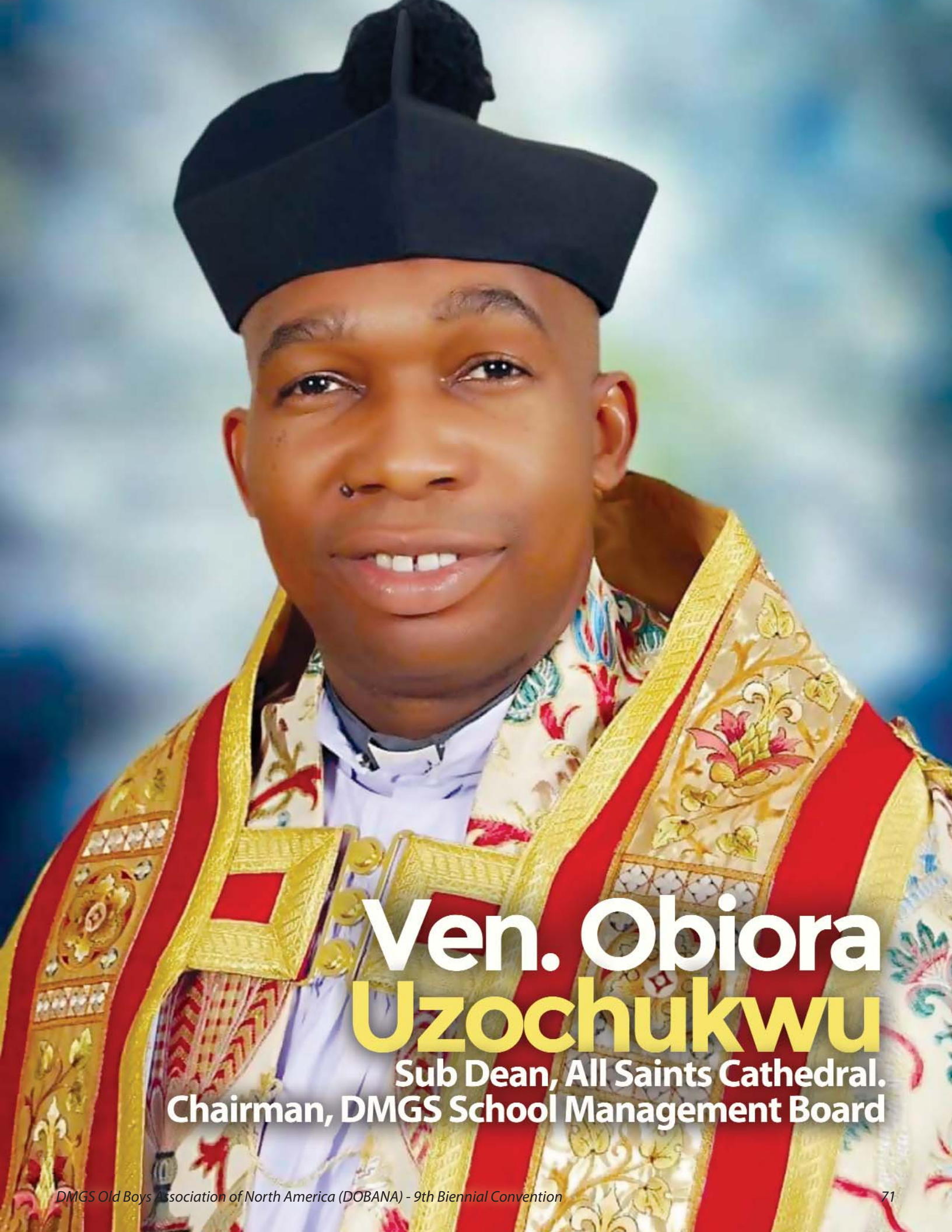


The Family of Maiyedun Eze & Lolo Yinka Okonkwo

The Family of Maiyedun Eze & Lolo Yinka Okonkwo
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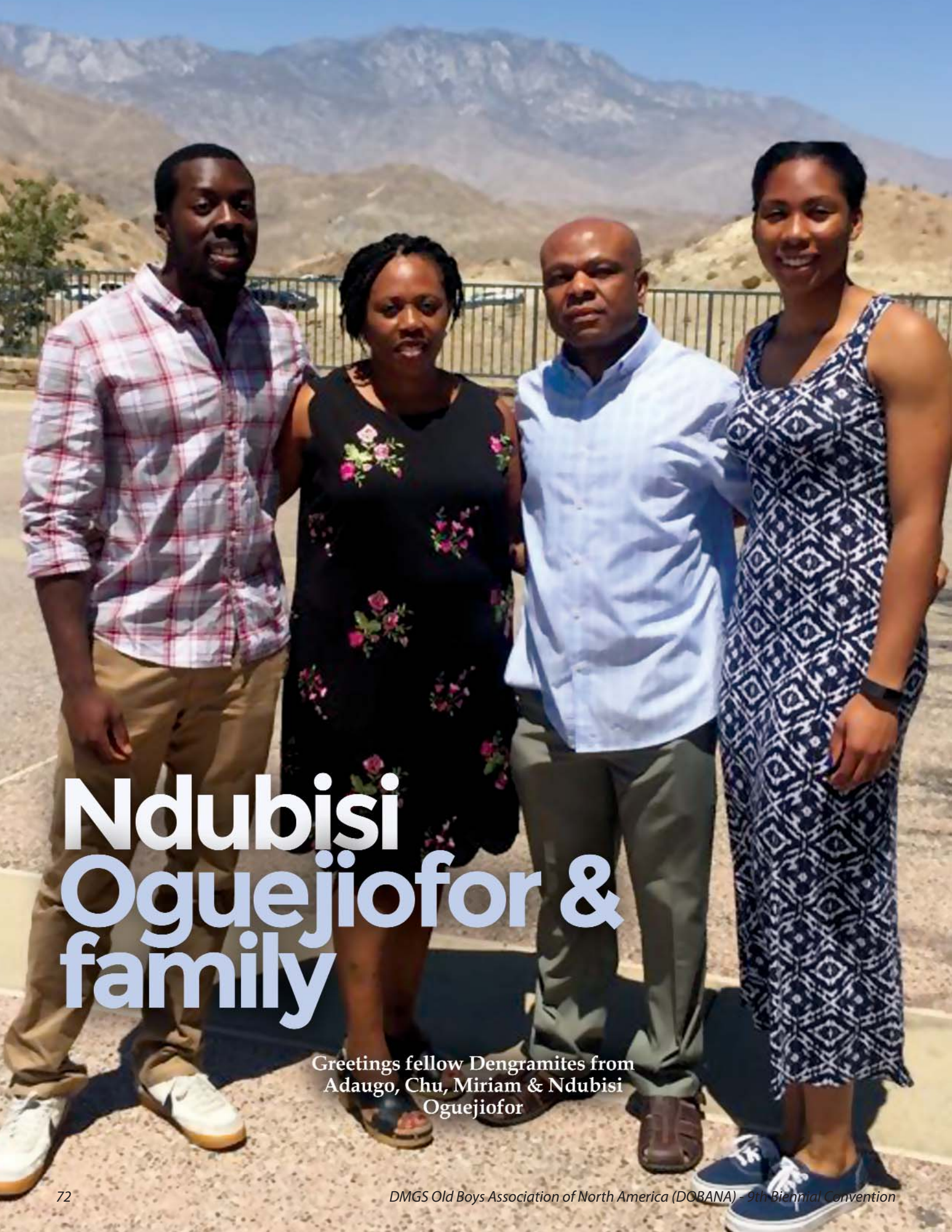
Let us continue to show the light as well as Nurture the
Mothership DMGS.
Lux Fiat!

Signed: Ezekwesili Okonkwo,
1975 Lugard House.



Ven. Obiora Uzochukwu

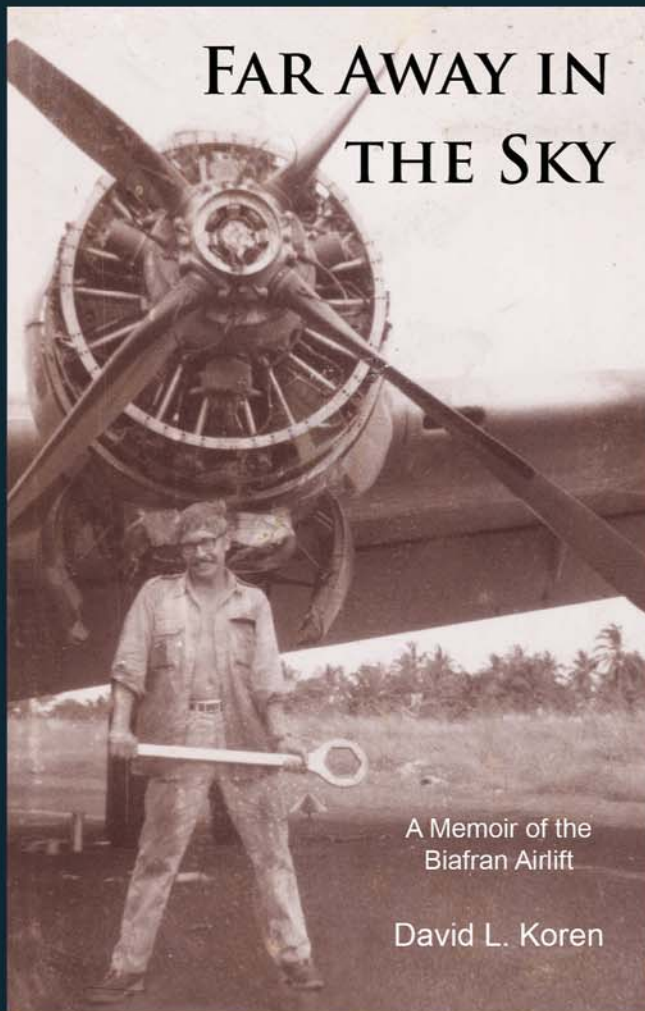
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Ndubisi Oguejiofor & family

Greetings fellow Dengramites from
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Oguejiofor

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Ndubisi Oguejiofor

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DOBANA Vice-President & President Elect

THE FAMILY OF DR. & MRS BCI OKPOKWASILI (Ichie Onyeogadilinma and Chief Amalunweze n'ukpo) SENDS MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO DR. ORAEDU, (Nnabuenyi n'Oba), PRESIDENT , Dr. NDUBISI OGUEJIOFOR (Akajiugo) THE V.P & THE ENTIRE DOBANA FAMILY on THEIR 9th BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN NEW JERSEY



ALL OF US TEN SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND ELEVEN GRANDCHILDREN OF THIS GREAT COUPLE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE DENNIS MEMORIAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS GREAT SCHOOL AND ALL ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

MAY YOUR CONVENTION- A GATHERING OF GREAT MEN-RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE SCHOOL EVEN GREATER.



Sir. Engr. Gibson Okeke

I congratulate Dr. Kingsley Oraedu DOBANA President, Members of his Executive and his Planning Committee for making the 9th Biennial Convention at Newark a reality. DOBANA Convention has turned into a spiritual home-coming for all where amazing decisions are taken, blessed and propelled for the benefit of all Dengramites and the school. Our prayer is that you continue to grow from strength to strength as this will surely multiply the dividends enjoyed by our Alma Mater.

I equally recognize and appreciate one of yours, Chief Dim Green the Executive Director and Chief Fundraiser of DEF for marvelous efforts. We are happy to have captured him as 2nd National Vice President and he is man of exploit. May the Almighty crown the efforts of this tireless man.

Sir Engr Gibson Okeke (Ichie Ebekuediken/Ukpo)
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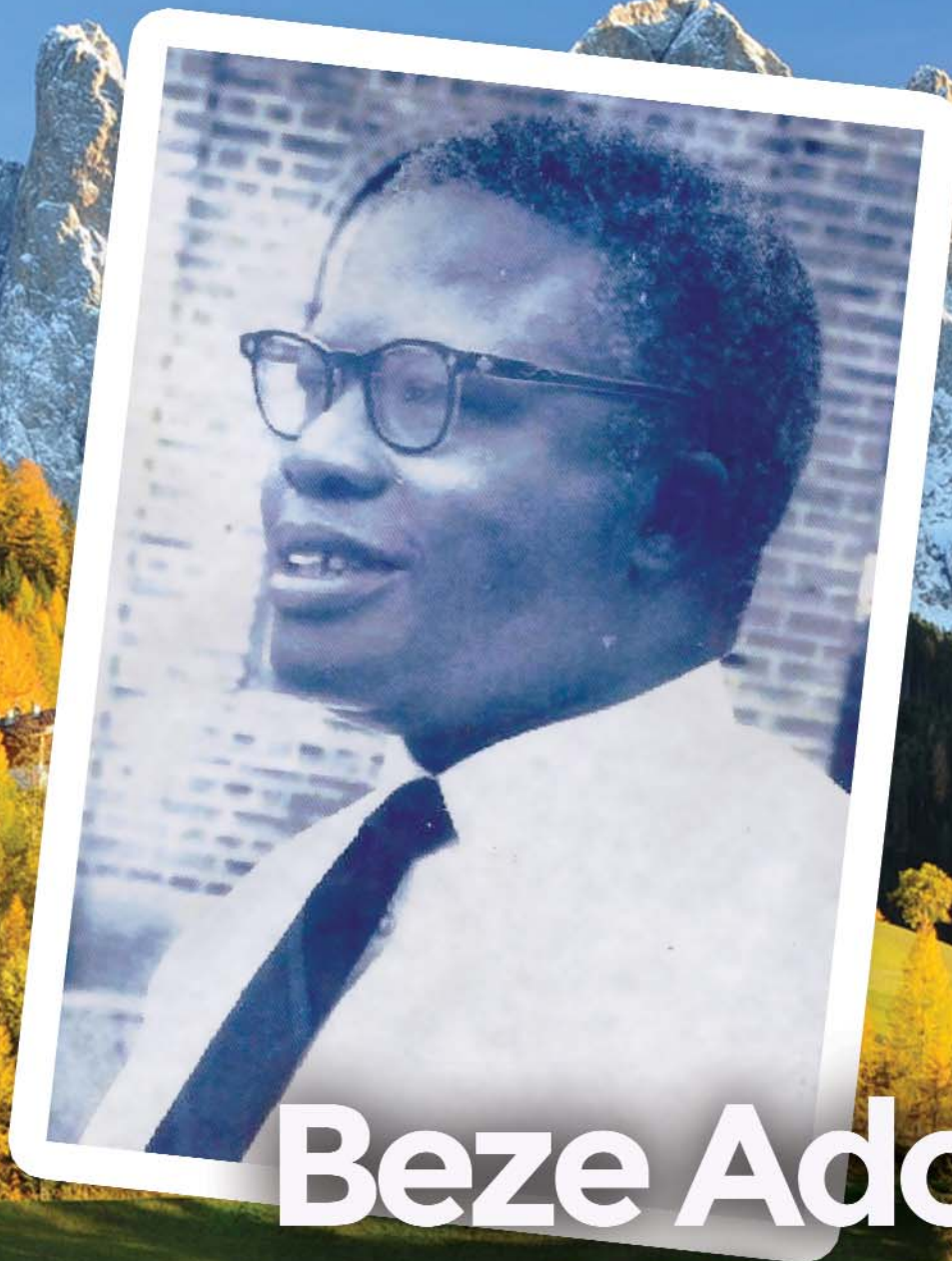


And God said, "Let there be Light, and there was light" Gen1:3

**Here's To the Greats who founded DMGS,
To the founder students who followed the kindling twinkle
To all those seekers of the intervening decades who stoked the
embers into a searchlight
To those who have moved on to the great beyond and heavenly peace
To my Parents and our forebears, who deserve our undying gratitude
To my late Senior Brother (a golden era Dengramite) - my forever
brotherly love
To those left of my own class
To the current students, staff and the dedicated administrators of
DMGS
To all in DOBA & DOBA-www for their yeoman effort
To all friends of DMGS**

**Greetings, Peace and God's Merciful Blessings.
Lux FIAT**

**From Chukuma I. Okadigwe,MD, FACS
Class of '57**



Beze Adogbo MD, PhD

As we assemble in Newark, New Jersey, we remember all those who have walked this same path before us, and whose long shadows have made our own trek easier. We especially remember our old Principal, Mr Sam Ogoazi, as well as our Masters, who struggled under difficult circumstances to literally force water into stone. We also remember our seniors who kept faith with us, our juniors who kept us honest, and all our classmates who kept us competitive.

May the kindling spirit of Grammar School never die.
Beze Adogbo, MD, PhD
Class of 1974



Rosemary & Obi Maduka

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North America (DOBANA) on its 2018 Biennial
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Obinna Maduaka, MD



Chief Chike & Mrs. Ethel Momah

Chief Chike & Mrs. Ethel Momah respectively of Government College, Umuahia and Archdeacon Crowther Mem. Girls Sec. Sch. Elelenwa, send Collegial Greetings and congratulations to Prof Bertram Okpokwasili, and the DMGS Old Boys Association in North America (DOBANA) on the occasion of the Association's 9th Biennial Convention Newark, New Jersey. August 3-5 2018

Ethel Momah (Arunne)
Chike Momah (Nnabuenyi)
Arlington, Texas



Kingsley O. Oraedu MD, FACOG

(Nnabuenyi N'Oba)
President Dobana



Mbanefo Brian Ojibe

Mbanefo Brian Ojibe President, Enugu State Organization (ESO), Atlanta, Inc. congratulates the President, the Executives and Members of DMGS Old Boys Association of North America (DOBANA) on the occasion of the 9th Biennial Convention at Newark, New Jersey, 2018. And may the gentle soul of our faithful and departed brother and DEF Chairman, Dr. Emmanuel O. Egbogah (OON), Rest in Peace



Professors Winifred & Ernest Nweke

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