

## CUTTINGTON ALUMNI GIVE BACK IN A HUGE WAY!!!



Blidi Stern, Pres. Tokpa, Steve Kaifa, Effua McGowan



Effua McGowan

Mrs. Effua McGowan led an interactive discourse on leadership and change where participants were challenged to view themselves as change agents. Through a system of exchange, it was apparent that the group desired change, was aware of the benefits of positive change and most importantly was willing to embark on the journey.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS COLLABORATION CONTACT DR. KAIFA AT [SKAIFA@CCM.EDU](mailto:SKAIFA@CCM.EDU)**

### Alumni Effua McGowan, Blidi Stern, and Steve Kaifa

Dr. Stephen Kaifa, Consultant on Academic Affairs to Cuttington University, Dr. Blidi Stern, Executive Director of Education First, a US-Based non-profit organization, and Mrs. Effua McGowan, Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors of The Liberia-Cuttington Group, Inc., converged at Cuttington University for a two-day conference with the faculty and staff on January 12 and 13, 2011.

The central themes of the workshop were Fiscal Responsibility, Current Issues in Education Today, and Leadership Change. The workshop was attended by a diverse group of faculty and staff members of the Cuttington Community.

The interactive sessions, facilitated by Dr. Kaifa of New Jersey, Dr. Stern of New York, and Mrs. McGowan of Texas challenged the body to employ a new level of thinking critical to professional growth and development.

The success of this professional collaboration was the outcome of pre-planning and the desire to give back in an effort to keep Cuttington relevant amongst its competitors. In interviews held in Harper, Gbarnga, and Monrovia, Dr. Stern shared that although his primary mission to Liberia was the launching of The Education First Project, he heeded the call from Dr. Kaifa to render service to his alma mater. The group plans on working on future professional projects with faculty and staff of Cuttington University.



Steve Kaifa

For his part, acting Dr. Stephen Kaifa, presented a systemic approach to fiscal management and responsibility to the group. His presentation illustrated that accountability resides with each and every beneficiary of the resources of the institution.



Blidi Stern

In his session on changes in global educational approach, Dr. Blidi Stern encouraged the audience to seek innovative and ingenious ways to use and create everyday resources. He challenged the group to form collaborative partnerships to leverage off the wealth of knowledge represented in the room.

## SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Payment of dues is a critical step for the organization. Your payment enables us to provide scholarships to deserving students. Currently we provide scholarships to two nursing students. We want to continue this trend and do more. Your dues also provide administrative support. Our goals for the year include the following:

1. **140 Due-paying members.** (We are sorely lacking in this regard).
2. **Update the website.** The website has been revamped. Our professional web designer unveiled plans to make it more interactive, easier navigation, etc.
3. **Increase publicity/communication** – This newsletter is part of that effort. We have held teleconferences so that everyone is informed.
4. **Fundraising** – Payment of dues is a huge part of this. In addition, we are coming to the conclusion of our calendar fundraiser. Show your support by purchasing several of the calendars from your region contact.
5. **Raise the regions** – To date, we have all six regions up and running. The leaders need your help and commitment. Please volunteer.
6. **Reunion 2011** – The next reunion is scheduled for July 29-31 2011 in Houston, Texas.

**There are several ways to pay dues. Please do so ASAP. The amount is \$100.**

1. Send a check to Cyril A. Tarpeh (financial secretary), at 221 Meadowbrook Ct, West Haven, CT 06516
2. Go into Bank of America and pay directly into the account of the Cuttington University Alumni Association of the Americas with headquarters in Maryland. Then email Cyril at [catarpeh@gmail.com](mailto:catarpeh@gmail.com)
3. Use your credit or debit card and pay through Paypal on the CUAAA website.

## News from Cuttington Tentative Founders Day Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Sat. Feb. 19, 11	TBD	TBD	CU Golden Anniversary Banquet & Dinner
Tues. Feb. 22,11	CU main campus	11:00 am	Founders; Day Career
Fri. Feb. 26-28,11	Campus CU	TBD	Homecoming
Fri. Feb 26,11	Campus CU	7:00pm- 9:00pm	Registration / Welcome
Fri. Feb. 26,11	Campus CU	9:30-pm	Miss Alumni Queen Contest ( Decades)
Sat. Feb.27,11	Campus CU	9:00-12:00	Business Section Alumni Association Symposium and Meeting
Sat. Feb. 27,11	Campus CU	2:00pm-4:00pm	Basketball Match C.U.vs. Any university
Sat. Feb. 27, 11	Campus CU	5:00-6:30 pm	Soccer Match C.U. vs Any University
Sat. Feb. 27, 11	Campus CU	8:00-11:00pm	Miss CU Beauty Pageant
Sun. Feb. 28, 11	Campus CU	11:00am-1:00pm	Founders' Day Service
Sun. Feb. 28, 11	Campus CU	2:00pm-4:00pm	Picnic at C.U. Beach
Sun. Feb. 28, 11	Campus CU	5:00pm	Departure from CU

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# YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK!

## Update of the Database

Through the generosity of the Givens family and the students of Kenyon college, two years ago we created a database of all alumni in the US. Since then we have periodically added names. We are ready to begin an update of this database. Our friends will begin another round of calls to all alumni to update the database. If you have any additional names please forward to me. The database from two years ago is old. We need addresses, phone numbers, club affiliation, etc.

For the first time we will be looking for citizenship information. We believe this is another avenue for raising funds. We should explore all of our strengths in order to tap into the multitude of resources available to us as an association. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to inform us.

Kenyon College is located in Gambier, OH. Both Cuttington University and Kenyon College are members of the Association of Episcopal Colleges. Cuttington and CUAAA enjoy a valuable relationship with Kenyon College. CUAAA is most grateful for the many generous donations and support the authorities and students of Kenyon College continue to provide the university.

## REGION V DONATES OVERHEAD PROJECTORS!

Alumnus Sylvanius Golokai was instrumental in negotiating the purchase of 12 overhead projectors and other supplies to the university. These will be shipped in the near future.

## RiverBend Fund donates \$15,000 to Cuttington

Our thanks and sincere appreciation goes to Doug Givens for the tremendous work that he did in helping the RiverBend Fund to grant \$15,000 to our alma mater. This money is to be used for the general institutional support of the university.

## CUAAA Seeks Grantors to Support the Student Upward Bound Project at Cuttington

Alumnae Vivian Kuawogai is putting her excellent grant writing skills in play. She has written a grant to the Friends of Liberia organization to support the Student Upward Bound Project at Cuttington. She is also looking for other avenues of support for this program. "Excerpt from the grant proposal":

"Cuttington University is planning to reinstitute the College Preparatory Program called the **STUDENT UPWARD BOUND (SUB) PROGRAM** commencing the long term vacation July-August 2010. This pre-college experience affords the students the opportunity to grow academically, personally and emotionally. It will create an environment and opportunity for student academic success in their college pursuit.

Our experience at Cuttington has shown that the majority of high school graduates are academically unprepared to succeed in the college arena. About 90% of applicants who sit the University Placement Test in English and Mathematics fail. This phenomenon is not only unique to Cuttington but to other universities in the country.

Cuttington desires to reverse this situation through the SUB program. The incoming high school juniors will attend three vacation school sessions (six weeks per session), while incoming high school seniors will attend two sessions prior to their matriculation into a university.

The program extends the opportunity to all high school students who have the academic eligibility to enroll. It is not restricted to students desiring to enroll at Cuttington University. The major goal of the program is to improve the competencies of high school graduates for the rigor of college or university education.

The students involved in the program will be challenged to:

- Meet High academic standards
  - Explore new experiences that will broaden their outlook regarding life and the real world
  - Live with others in the residence halls/dormitories
  - Make wise choices
  - Maintain a budget
  - Appropriate time management
  - Be proactive by planning ahead
  - Take care and be in control of his/her physical, mental, emotional and spiritual self
- Critically evaluate beliefs, ideas of themselves and others."

**If you know of other grant opportunities for this program please let us know.**

**PAY YOUR DUES TODAY!  
GIVE BACK.**

## GREAT NEWS!

The shipment of lab equipment and supplies has arrived in Liberia (see December's newsletter). This shipment also included the toner and printer cartridges that you donated.

# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS



## Region 1

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region I is planning its fundraiser which is a raffle. First prize is a round trip ticket to Liberia. Additional prizes include money. For more information contact Rev Bright at [afi83@earthlink.net](mailto:afi83@earthlink.net)



## Region II

Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Contact Chairperson Esther Neah at [eblamoe@yahoo.com](mailto:eblamoe@yahoo.com) to get plugged in.



## Region III

Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, (Caribbean, Central and South America)

A mini-convention is scheduled for March 19 in Atlanta. There will be a brunch and meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 9am to 1pm and a party that night at 8pm. Contact Musu Passawee at [Passewem@bellsouth.net](mailto:Passewem@bellsouth.net) to learn more about your region.



## Region IV

Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota (and Canada.)

This region is poised to exhibit greatness. There are over 100 alumni members who live in these areas. We continue to seek out persons who have the interest and the drive to participate in alumni affairs. Contact Dr. Bashiel Smith at [bashielsmith@aol.com](mailto:bashielsmith@aol.com).



## Region V

Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana (and Mexico).

Region V is hosting its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser on February 12, 2011. This event was a major success last year and contributed to the region's development of the Nursing Resource Room at Cuttington.



## Region VI

California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska

Contact Chairman Pei Fendor for more information about the purchase of calendars in this region. Pei's address is [pfendor@msn.com](mailto:pfendor@msn.com)

# Calendar Of Events

## February

### **Holiday Fundraiser – 2011 Calendar Sale Ends**

Payment on scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester due.

Reunion funds are due to Region V.

## March

Executive Team meeting

National Teleconference

**2010/2011 Dues are \$100.**

### **Ways to Pay**

*Send an email or put a check in the mail to:*

Cyril A. Tarpeh  
221 Meadowbrook Ct  
West Haven, CT 06516  
catarpeh@gmail.com

Paypal through the CUAAA website.

## **UPDATE OF ALUMNI DATABASE BEGINS.**

### Committees Being Formed

You can bring your expertise and passion to the Association in a huge way by volunteering to participate in one or more of the following national committees. There are many committed people already working towards our goals but your help is needed. Please email the President at [azango@sbcglobal.net](mailto:azango@sbcglobal.net) and indicate your willingness to serve on a committee. The committees are:

1. Fundraising Committee – This committee develops national fundraising guidelines and proposals. The committee also implements national fundraising projects and tracks regional fundraising activities.
2. Scholarship Committee – This committee selects scholarship recipients and tracks their progress.
3. Membership Committee – This committee actively recruits alumni and associate members to the organization.
4. Social Committee – This committee manages and tracks all events of members. News about celebrations, deaths, and other events will be handled by the social committee.

## **In Our Prayers**

### ***Deaths***



#### **Bishop Neufville**

The Rt. Rev. Edward W. Neufville, retired Bishop of Liberia, graduated from Cuttington in 1962 with a BA in Liberal Arts.

#### **Antoinette Padmore-Harris**

Wife of Mr. Roosevelt Harris, alumnus, Mrs. Florida Harris Kweekeh, sister-in-law, alumnae of Cuttington and former Secretary of CUAAA, Mr. Emmedy Harris, brother-in-law and alumnus of Cuttington. Aunt of Mrs. Bridgette Padmore-Hooke, alumnae of Cuttington and her husband Mr. Michael Hooke.

#### **Mrs. Sando Kiazolu**

Mother of Mr. Sylvania Golakai (Treasurer of Region V), Mr. Emmanuel Golakai (Vice President of the Liberia-Cuttington Group), Mr. Abraham Passawee (owner of Labahco Farms) and a grand daughter, Ms. Hawa Golakai, Vice President of Region V.

#### **Dr. Richard Ochillo**

Brother-in-law of former President of the Association, Rupel Marshall.