

FOR LEADERS

«FGSCAA»

MONTHLY BULLETIN



BOT CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

GERALD A. AZONOBO



I greet you today from God's throne of grace. I welcome you and your families to the month of July and I pray that this month brings blessings and high favor to your home. I am incredibly pleased to have the opportunity to greet everyone in our inaugural edition of the FGSCAA monthly bulletin. Many thanks go to our editorial team. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our committee's chairmen and members for taking up the responsibilities to serve.

We have just completed a most active financial year 2019/2020, and I am glad to report that we have not had any cause to not perpetuate with that same enthusiasm. The recent spirit of friendship and camaraderie endeared amongst members have boosted the engine room of the BOT to be more invested in the growth of this great association. I would like to take this time to thank you for your cooperation in making sure FGSCAA stays stronger and better by the day, I also pray that no kind of trials and tribulations will set foot in our lives. We have commenced business for the new Financial Year 2020/2021, and the year has begun with new challenges for standing committees and chairs. While the inner workings are not overly difficult to manage it does require a good deal of teamwork and the committee members are seen as the go-to workforce.

It brings joy to my heart to inform you that during my one on one interactions with new members, I am often been told about the great hospitality and feeling of welcome one receives when added to our WhatsApp group. I think I can say without exception "there are no strangers once you step foot into our fold". We can see the activeness of the Membership, Reclamation and Retention Committee, they are our "always smiling" hard-working crew and are really our front-line

ambassadors. They do a fantastic job creating a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere.

As always thank you for your support and commitment to the Association. In addition, join me in giving thanks to the members of the Independence Day Hang Out Planning Committee and the 2020 Homecoming Weekend Retreat Committee for a proper work done to set a plan in motion. If you have not been to any of our events before, I encourage you to not miss any of these two events coming up towards the end of this year, come on by or just drop in to chat with old friends and make new ones.

Until next month – stay healthy, happy and warm!

Respectfully & Sincerely,

Gerald Azonobo
Chairman BOT
FGSCAA

MESSAGE FROM THE BOT SECRETARY



I welcome you to the first edition of our monthly bulletin. We have nearly 120 members that have registered for the 2020/2021 Yearbook out of the 207 members on the WhatsApp accreditation list. I encourage you to register if you have not done so, to enable you enjoy the benefits promised. The annual membership dues for every financial year slated at N2,000 to be collected within the first quarter of every financial year (between July and September) of each financial year will commence immediately. All annual membership dues statements will be sent to our various emails for record purpose.

I urge every member to pay up their dues so as not to add significant expense to the association and the possibly reducing or eliminating some of our programs/projects that we sponsor. We still have nearly 80 members on the delinquent list for the annual membership dues for the last financial year 2019/2020. The last financial year

dues statements were published in the financial report and some of us do not pay attention to meeting up with their financial obligations. The names of those delinquent will be posted soon, and we ask that if you have yet to remit your last financial year dues, please do so. If you see someone on the list that you know well, please coax them into paying for the good of the association.

Henry Ekpe,
BOT Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE FGSCAA BOT

By the grace of God and the support of FGS 98' members, we are waxing stronger and growing gradually since 2016. The BOT recently took up the responsibility of appointing members to chair the various committees required by the constitution & bylaws of our Association. Those committees are presently chaired by individuals who have done a great job for the Association and we have no issue with anyone who presently holds a chairmanship. However, when running an organization as such as ours, one of the common comments

we get to hear is that all members of the Association are not given the chance to serve on committees as only a select group are the ones chosen. Therefore, we are giving all members an opportunity to express their interest in becoming a committee member, since a member can serve under more than one committee. We should also note that to serve under any of these committees you must be in good standing with the association, which implies that you must be up to date with your annual membership dues. We still have some few committees to constitute, until then

let us kick the ball rolling with these already constituted committees. If you are interested in a particular committee and need more information please contact Henry Ekpe at 0806448 8808 or Mark Ahamefula 08069034934, or Thomas Kokobili at 0703 075 5203 or email fgsclass98@gmail.com

Sincerely yours,

Mark Ahamefula
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WORDS BY Ahamefula Mark...

..... Create Value

The simple way to make money is to create value. Value that someone is willing to pay for. Nobody comes into the world with money. It is here we make and use money. So, how can someone without money begin to make some for himself? First, he has to learn about something that will help create value for another person or company. Find a gap in the market and fill it with your special talent.

Learning more skills can help you grow your pay cheque and even give you the freedom to comfortably cater for your expenses.”
- Ahamefula Mark .

By applying for a job and getting a job, you will earn your first pay. Your first pay cheque may not be able to take care of your expenses but it is the beginning of a journey to financial independence.

Learning more skills can help you grow your pay cheque and even give you the freedom to comfortably cater for your expenses. Try not to get carried away because you may find yourself at stage one again, if care is not taken. You can't afford to go back to stage one after you've climbed so far up.

Staying on one spot is meant for non living things
- Ahamefula Mark .



Review! Replan! Restrategize!

I've seen a lot of people stay on the same spot where they started, feeling God or some supernatural force gave them the instruction to stay put. Staying on a spot is meant for non living things. You need to exhibit all the characteristics of a living being to truly live because death, which is one of its characteristics, is sure.

To stay stationed, working on one job for one company, feeling you were sent there is truly thinking small. Everyone who desires growth becomes bigger and more influential when they start something on their own. Why stay in the shadow of a company or a man? For how long can you keep that up?

Review your current role against your financial vision. If they are not syncing replan and create a new workable strategy that will help you move towards the direction of your financial independence. Do this often and appraise yourself, to be sure you're making progress.

WORDS BY Ahamefula Mark...

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Membership Dues

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Annual Membership Dues

N2,000 Flat for Every Fiscal Year June 30 - July 1.

Dues support the monthly meetings, annual Conference, Retreats, Alumni Dinner during Commencement and other special events throughout the year.

Membership Benefits

- :: Find below our proposed projects and events for 2020 Calendar Year:
- :: Eligible to vote in National Alumni Association elections (ALL Members)
- :: Free admission to all FGSCAA Events and Programs (ALL Members)
- :: Exclusive Alumni Gifts and Giveaways (Thousandaire ONLY)
- :: Business to Business Referrals (Life, Thousandaire)
- :: Feature in the Alumni Newsletter (Thousandaire ONLY)
- :: Exclusive Loan offers with FGSCAA Funds (Life, Thousandaire)
- :: Notifications on exclusive employment and training opportunities (ALL Members)

Annual Welfare Dues

N5,000 Flat for Every Fiscal Year June 30 - July 1.

The Welfare dues is important but not mandatory, which means that only welfare due paying members gets the welfare packages.

Welfare Membership Benefits

- Wedding/Marriage Support
- Child's Dedication Support
- Member's Parent Funeral Support
- Member's Death Family Support

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

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Do not be left out. Dues letters will be going out soon. Also, those of you that have not paid your 2019/2020 Financial Year Annual Membership dues are encouraged to do so before the 31st of July, 2020, as we do not want you to be left out from the bundle of membership packages that the BOT have lined up throughout the year. I'm pleased to announce that the number of annual membership due paying members has improved, and we are pleased with the encouragement from members. If you are unsure of how you stand, with dues, you may see the list on the FGSCAA dashboard on WhatsApp.

The Fund-Raising Committee as well as the Membership committee should contact members whose names are not on the list of the 2019/2020 FY to see if they need encouragement to continue. Thank you to all of you for your undiluted support and improvement in participation, I hope things get smoother in this present financial year 2020/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Keep the following upcoming events in mind!

INDEPENDENCE DAY (OCTOBER 1ST) HANG OUT

FGSCAA INDEPENDENCE DAY HANGOUT

October 1, 2020

N5,000 Per Person

2020 HOMECOMING WEEKEND RETREAT

2020 HOMECOMING WEEKEND DINNER/DANCE

Friday, December 18 - Saturday, December 19th

N20,000 Per Person

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 3

David Sylvanus
Rosemary Okonmah

July 4

Fisayo Raheem
Sade Daramola

July 7

Peter Ehiabor

July 13

Susan Ideke,
Koyejo Adeniregun
Ahmed Oloko

July 14

Uadiale Ivie

July 20

Achonwa Ogechi
Ekpo-Asuquo Victoria

July 21

Zaheed Gidigbi

July 24

Leonard Osumah



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- emailing to fgs98bulletin@gmail.com
- Mailing it to the BOT to the attention of the FGSCAA Bulletin.

We do our best to include all pertinent information that our members would find interesting, however if the materials are not received by the Editor on or before the 15th of the month, there is a chance that they may not be included in the next issue due to the time needed to produce, print and mail the Bulletin. Our goal is to have it delivered by email to our members by the 1st of the following month. We reserve the right to edit submitted items for brevity and appropriateness. The Chairman BOT has the final responsibility for the Bulletin content.

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POEM

By Babatunde Raimi

I WILL SWAGGER UP

I will tell it to the world
Help me herald this glorious news
Of The One who loves me without a clause
Turned my mess to a message

The God of restoration
He hung the Moon without pillars
Planted the earth amidst waters
Yet, it sunk not like Titanic

Why do you love me so much?
Arrows fired, but reach me not
Surely, they gathered but not by you
Still they marvel at your cover

Your righteous cause I favour
Your words I ate like Nigerian Jollof rice
Upon me your hands rests forever
For the grace of election, thank you

My destiny is secured in you
It's my season of unlimited breakthroughs
Each time I take a breathe
I just want to praise you scatter

In your covenant I will work
With love motivated engagements
If you see me Swagger-up
It's because I am blessed!

JOKES

ATM MACHINE

Akpos was in a gym one day pumping his muscles but he was continuously distracted by a hot chick who was equally exercising in the gym. Akpos decided to call the trainer aside and asked him a question:

AKPOS: I want to impress that beautiful girl, which machine can I use?

TRAINER: use the ATM machine

NO TOOTHPICK

A man , angry at the unavailability of toothpicks in the house when he wanted to use one himself after eating a meal called Akpos his houseboy and the following dialogue ensued;

MAN: Akpos! Why are the toothpicks finishing faster than normal?

AKPOS: Oga. It must be your children because any time I use a tooth pick, I always return It.