

African Union of Northern Nevada (AUNN)



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15th Anniversary AUNN End of Year Festival

Theme: **"Saving Lives"**

**AFRICAN UNION OF NORTHERN NEVADA
2015 END OF THE YEAR PARTY AND FESTIVAL**

Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 6:00pm

Holiday Inn Hotel
55 E. Nugget Avenue
Sparks, NV 89431

PROGRAM

6:00PM	Call to Order	Obinna Osuji, Publicity Secretary
6:02PM	Master of Ceremony	Martha Aiyuk, Vice President
6:02PM	Welcome Remarks	Ambassador Victor Wowo, Sr. Chairman, 2015 Planning Committee
6:05PM	Invocation	Pastor Femi Gbenjo, Sr. Rhema Christian Church
6:10PM	End of Year Message	Oliver Saah, President
6:15PM	Fashion Show	AUNN members
6:30PM	Recognition & Awards	Martha Aiyuk, Vice President
6:45PM	Dinner	A buffet of African Cuisine
7:45PM	Cultural Dance	AUNN members
7:55PM	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Helen Kiiti, Assistant Secretary
8:00PM	Keynote Speaker	Hellen Barclay, District Manager
8:30PM	Dance Dance Dance	DJ: Perter Aiyuk & Eugene Anukam
11:55PM	Closing remarks by the president	



15th Anniversary Message from the President of AUNN

I want to thank you for coming tonight to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the African Union of Northern Nevada (AUNN). Fifteen years ago, many of you who are still active members recalled the conversations in the corridors of your homes that helped give birth to this organization.

An organization that has lasted a decade and half years is a sustainable and viable organization. We've come from being a social and entertainment club to a beautiful caring and charitable organization.

In these years that we now measure in decades and counting, we've done a lot together. We have built a solidified structure and system around our organization. We contributed to the Children cabinet through Adopt a Family program. We have begun to help support our title 1 elementary schools with school supplies items. This year, we donated school supplies to Libby C. Booth Elementary school. Our winter coat donation is underway to help the homeless. We support our kids to stay in school by recognizing and celebrating their graduation from high school. We also fellowship and support one another live event cycle like weddings, birthdays, and milestones. But most importantly, we launched the anti-malaria bednets campaign to raise funds to help purchase mosquito bed nests that would prevent malaria taking the lives of another innocent child in Africa. Last year, we donated all proceeds to UNICEF-USA Fund to support this endeavor. This year, with your generosity, we are determined to double our donation.

We learned to be happy with one another. Of course, there have been challenges along the way. Like a good wine, our organization is becoming better, and better with every passing year. We come from different cultural backgrounds and ethnic groups. Our membership comprised of immigrants from Liberia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Kenya, and Mauritania to name a few. Under the banners of AUNN, we see ourselves as one people without geographical boundaries united for peace, progress and tranquility.

It is no small sacrifice of time, money and family that we all continue to make to keep this organization alive. Our competitive advantage is you, and your contribution is priceless! I want to sincerely thank you all for embracing the spirit of community organizations, and to be our brothers and sisters keepers in a small but impactful way.

I want to close by extending an open invitation to all those who are still sitting on the fence to join us to help impact our community and to speak with one voice that can help break glass ceilings.

Happy 15th anniversary AUNN! May the love of Liberty, Freedom, and democracy that brought us here continue to keep us here in the pursuit of love, peace and happiness!

**Oliver Saah, B.SC, LL.B; MBA
President, AUNN**

15th ANNIVERSARY AUNN KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Hellen A. Barclay



Hellen A. Barclay is Regional Banking District Manager of Wells Fargo Bank, Nevada.

She was born in Kenya. She is married and has a son.



*Ambassador
Victor Sr./Gladys
Wowo & Family
are proud to
congratulate the
AUNN on their
15th year
Anniversary!*



*Eugene/Doris
Anukam & Family
Congratulate AUNN
on the Occasion of its
15th Anniversary and
the Celebration of this
Xmas Event/Banquet.
Long Live AUNN!!*

Congratulations!!

My wife and I congratulate our daughter Angel Aiyuk on her accomplishment graduating in four years from the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2015 with a degree in Biochemistry.

It seems like "yesterday" when we celebrated your graduation from McQueen High School, but you have worked very hard to complete this next feat in exactly four years. You are an inspiration to your younger brother and sister.

"A solid foundation is the bedrock of a successful tomorrow and a good education is an integral part of the equation".

Mom and Dad are proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Peter & Martha Aiyuk



Osuji family is celebrating 10th year of blessed marriage, we congratulate AUNN on their 15th year anniversary.



African Union of Northern Nevada

Unity and Progress

The African Union of Northern Nevada (AUNN), formed on May 16, 2001, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. AUNN is a non-political and non-governmental organization of Africans and "friends of Africa", that seeks to preserve and disseminate our rich historical and socio-cultural heritage.

AUNN is an umbrella organization that brings together Africans from all parts of Africa and the World. Most of our members are professional business men and women living and working in Northern Nevada. We also have student members and encourage our children to join this great organization. Enrollment is open to all Africans living in Northern Nevada.

AUNN is the only known Northern Nevada organization formed by Africans from different African countries. We are in essence a microcosm of the entire continent of Africa. All Africans and relatives of Africans in Northern Nevada are members of our organization. However, to be a registered member, you must register with the Union.

Mission:

Our mission includes but is not limited to those reasonably necessary to accomplish these charitable and other purposes:

- To foster greater cooperation between us and our Northern Nevada neighbors.
- To provide assistance to families in need within the Northern Nevada areas by working with other charitable organizations.
- To provide scholarship funds to underprivileged children within our Northern Nevada community.
- To provide a forum for the sharing of knowledge and experiences while looking for ways to solve some of Africa's problems.
- To promote educational awareness on the illnesses plaguing the continent of African such as malaria and water borne diseases through outreach with other African Organizations.
- To form alliances and work with African religious and community organizations in Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroun, Senegal, Congo, Liberia, Mauritania and other member countries.

For more information or discussions regarding the Union, please, go AUNN website <http://www.aunn.org> or you can call the President or any of the Ambassadors.

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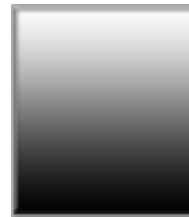
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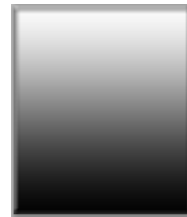
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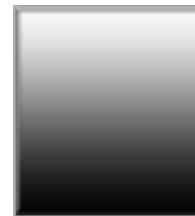
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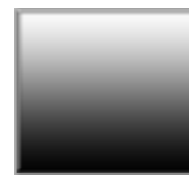
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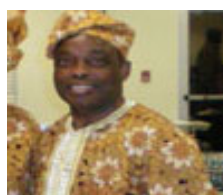
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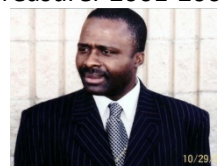
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AUNN HONORARY MEMBERS

1. Mr Joseph Agbor
2. Mrs Mary Agbor
3. Chief Harry Nwemeh
4. Lolo Charity Nwemeh

2015 AUNN AWARDS



Professor Rosemary I. Effiong is an Analytical Chemist. She is a Consultant in STEM with emphasis in Chemical Education, Grants and Proposals. She obtained a B. Sc (Honors) in Biochemistry from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. Her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Analytical Chemistry (1991, 1992 respectively) were obtained from the University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Prof Effiong has taught and performed scholarly activities at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans; Truckee Meadow Community College, Reno and the University of Nevada, Reno. Prior to relocating to Reno with her family in 2010, she was a tenured faculty in the Department of Chemistry, The University of Tennessee, Martin, Tennessee.

As a community leader, she has served in various capacities and chaired committees on humanitarian projects. She is a founding member of many non-profit organizations notably: The New Orleans Esusu Investment Club, Association of Nigerians in New Orleans, The Efik National Association, USA, Nka Ikem Esit, Charitable Organization, Washington DC, Nka Ima Obio, Reno/Lake Tahoe and her pet project “Helping Hands” are a few organizations that have benefited from her expertise. She is an active member of the African Union of Northern Nevada, (AUNN) Reno and the Nigerian Association of Northern Nevada, (NANN) Reno.

Prof Effiong is married (with children) to Dr. Chris B. Effiong. She enjoys reading, gardening and skiing..

AUNN Webmaster Award Amadou Coumba Ba



Amadou Coumba Ba was born in Mauritania. He obtained his bachelor degree in (Computer Method Applied to Business Management) in 1991 from the ISS of Mauritania. He worked at IFORMA as Software developer, and at General Bank in Mauritania (GBM) as IT manager. He moved to the United States in 2001 and continued his studies at TMCC

where he graduated in 2004 from TMCC, majoring in Information Technology System. Mr. Ba is currently employed as Supervisor of the IT Network Department with the Nevada State Comptroller's Office. He is currently the webmaster of AUNN and supports many community associations in similar role. He is married to Dr. Mariam Ba and is a father of a son, Ali A. Ba.

Community Activist Award

Lonnie Feemster



Lonnie Feemster was born and raised in Reno, NV, the oldest male of ten brothers and sisters. He has resided in the same community all of his life. Lonnie has traveled to most of the United States and several other countries, however, he has chosen to settle, marry and raise three children in Northern Nevada. In 1968, at 18, Lonnie began a long history of community service when he volunteered, with businesses and community members to build "Pat

Baker Park" in Northeast Reno. The community worked 24 hours a day for three days to create what was called "Instant Park" for many years. The effort was a show of community unity, in the wake of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr... A life of time commitment to community service, civil rights and equality have been expressed by Lonnie by his service on a dozen non-profit boards over 40 years. His volunteer work with NAACP has included: Four terms as Branch President, NAACP State Conference Vice President, Branch Secretary and Treasurer, Youth Council Advisor, Executive Committee, Chair, Labor and Industry, Education, Housing, Freedom Fund and Financial Empowerment.

African Community Leadership Award

Victor Wowo Sr.



Ambassador Victor Wowo Sr. was the Co-founder of the African Union of Northern Nevada (AUNN). He was the first President of the AUNN; he is the first Ambassador of the AUNN. He is the Register Resident Agent of the both AUNN and Nigerian Association of the Northern Nevada (NANN). He served as the Chairman of NANN for one year and six months.

He served as the Chairman for the AUNN end of year party in 2013. He is the current Chairman of this year festival. He is a married man, four children and a granddaughter.

MALARIA AND THE ANTI-MALARIA BED NETS PROJECT

Malaria is a disease which causes its victims to experience high fever, headache, vomiting, loss of appetite, anemia, aches, pains, etc. and sometimes death. It is caused by the mosquito parasite which feeds on human blood. In 2010, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimated 219 Million cases of malaria world-wide. Of that number, 660,000 people died of the disease, 600,600 (91%) deaths were in Africa.

The impact of this disease in the lives of pregnant women, young children, families, and the continent of Africa cannot be over-emphasized. Children who survive severe cases of malaria can sometimes suffer lifelong mental disabilities.

The Anti-Malaria Bed Nets Project is a modest endeavor of the African Union of Northern Nevada (AUNN) to help make a small difference in the lives of some families in Africa. The goal is to raise funds annually to buy mosquito nets and distribute to the thousands of poor families in various parts of Africa. Last year, AUNN donated all proceeds that were raised to UNICEF-USA funds to help fight malaria.

A mosquito net costs in the range of \$10-\$20 which is the average cost of going to the movies, and that can mean death or life for some child or adult.

We are asking for your help to help make a difference and save the lives of a child with any generous contribution. All proceeds will go towards this cause.

AUNN Charities is Non-Profit 501 © 3 organization. Please make checks payable to: **AUNN Charities, P. O. Box 338, Sparks, NV 89432.** Our website is www.aunn.org.

Thank you for giving from your heart. God bless you! God bless AUNN! May God continue to bless the United States of America!



AUNN women at the 2004 Cultural Festival
University of Nevada, Reno



AUNN members at the 2012 Holiday Party



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The African Union of Northern Nevada would like to express our gratitude for the generosity of our sponsors for this evening's festival without their support, this festival, and numerous other programs throughout the year, would not be possible. We thank you!



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