



NWAG PACESETTERS

AN ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF THE NIGERIAN WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

2017 Edition

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of NWAG is to serve our local community as well as our country Nigeria, through empowerment, cultural enrichment, and education of women, youth and children, thereby fostering togetherness and excellence in our collective pursuits.

NWAG supported orphanages in 2017



Meal Time at an orphanage



NWAG Members 2017

NWAG
Major
Upcoming
Events

Annual Fundraising & Awards Banquet

**NWAG 2018 Annual Scholarship
Award CEREMONY**
Abuja, Nigeria **Oct 25, 2018**

holding on
23rd June 2018
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From the President's Desk

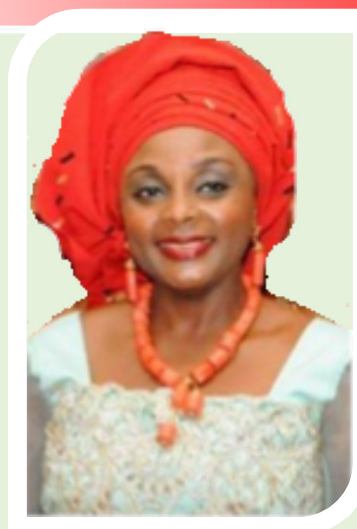
This year, **NWAG** celebrates **18 years** of service to the community and we can truly say our organization has come of age and grown into an Accomplished Mature Woman!

From small but humble beginnings of about 5 women back in **2000**, she has grown through 5 Presidents, to a membership of about 80 women, who are Nigerian by birth or marriage.

The vision and **mission** of the organization are as alive as we continue to . . . **Serve our local community as well as our country Nigeria through empowerment, cultural enrichment and education of women, youth and children, thereby fostering togetherness and excellence in our collective pursuits.** It has been kept alive all these years by the dedication and hard work of selfless members as well as the generous donations of our sponsors and supporters.

Currently, NWAG supports **12 orphanages** in Nigeria, has awarded **52 scholarships** to high school seniors in Georgia, and **506 scholarships** to female college students in Nigeria, has shipped **5** containers of medical supply worth over **\$2 million** to **13 hospitals** in Nigeria. In addition, we continue our collaboration with other Nigerian organizations in Georgia, our **Volunteer Efforts** with non-profit organization in Georgia, as well as our **Support** of various institutions with similar mission. NWAG also conducts outreach programs to schools in Atlanta to promote the **Nigerian culture** and close the cultural gap between our various cultures.

Growth for NWAG means that this year we will increase the number of scholarships to students in Nigeria and the USA, and conduct more Education Outreach Programs to showcase our rich culture as part of our **Education Initiative**. It also means we will **induct new members** to join the fold, and increase our working capacity. Finally, Growth means that NWAG has done a lot in the community, has matured, and is now deserving of a place to call home, so we will make conclusive efforts to acquire the **NWAG House** for Arts, Culture and Empowerment.



Consequently, all these mean that we will need more capital to fund all of our programs and that we will continue to rely on you for your valuable support. So please join us as we continue our journey into the future, we invite you our sponsors and various supports to help us fulfill our vision of empowering the most vulnerable in our communities.

Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Stella Etta (Ed. D)
NWAG President

For more information regarding NWAG membership and what we stand for, visit our website:

www.nwag.org

Or

Call us: 770-496-4380

Or

Write us: PO Box 244132
Atlanta, GA 30324

THE WAZOBIA INITIATIVE

2017 OUTREACH

NWAG 2017 WAZOBIA outreach was held on Sat. July 15th at the Redeemer Church of Christ, Georgia.

A power point presentation on “Nigeria as a country” was delivered. There was presentation of Nigeria cultural exhibition and a colorful fashion show of all the children showing off their respective cultural attires.

The occasion affords the teenagers the opportunity to discuss their likes and dislikes about Nigeria as a country, her culture and values.



**WAZOBIA
cultural
display in
action**



February 16 2017, NWAG had an outreach at Forest Park Middle School, 930 Finley Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297 in observance of Black History month.



NWAG Members at Piney Groove Baptist Church Global Mission Day Dec 10, 2017



NWAG CORE BELIEFS

We believe In:

- ❖ The Empowerment of women, youth and children.
- ❖ Selfless Service, Strong commitment and Team Work.
- ❖ Honest & Open Communication.
- ❖ Entrusting Environment that strengthens and encourages it's members in promoting the Nigerian culture.

NWAGGER Of The Year

This year, NWAG recognized the outstanding services of a member who demonstrates passion and goes beyond the call of duty to enhance NWAG mission; and sets good example and promotes unity.

We are greatly pleased to recognize and honor, **Mrs Buki Adeshakin**, as the



Mrs Buki Adeshakin

**2017
NWAG MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Mrs Adeshakin is currently the Vice President of NWAG, and she has contributed immensely to the development of this organization.

We appreciate your outstanding service to humanity through NWAG.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

NWAG 2017 Inductees

NWAG CLASS OF 2017



Ms. Kate Ekwonchi

Ms. Nike Oshin

Ms. Philomena

NWAG welcomes you into the family

2017 Scholarship Award Presentations



June 24, 2017. Georgia, USA.



October 24, 2017. Abuja, Nigeria.

2017 COMMITTEE REPORTS**2017 NWAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Stella Etta	President
Mrs. Buki Adeshakin	Vice-President
Ms. Chikaodi Ntekop	General Secretary
Mrs. Glad Obiagio	Ass. Gen Secretary
Mrs. Florence Okafor	Treasurer
Mrs. Iyabo Raji	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Hope Okotie-Ojagbeghru	Historian
Mrs. Lara Adeduntan	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Abby Ebodaghe	Ex-Officio

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Mrs. Ngozi Ohaya & Dr. Pat Ahanotu**

- ❖ Visited two schools in the Atlanta metro area for Outreach activities
- ❖ Facilitated the selection of the scholarship award application essay topic: "Women are marginalized in leadership positions in Nigeria. Position yourself as woman activist and propose how you can advocate for women rights in government positions, challenge early child marriage and gender discrimination,"
- ❖ Collated the applications for grading for 2017 Scholarships.
- ❖ Organized NWAG WAZOBIA
- ❖ Arranged the award of 37 Scholarships at the Award Ceremony that was held in Georgia, USA on June 24, 2017 and in Abuja on October 24, 2017.

NWAG MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**Mrs. Tolani Oshikoya & Mrs. Phyl Idehen**

- ❖ Scouts for prospective members, and this year, there were approximately 12 visitors at meetings.
- ❖ Organized a couple of Orientations and 2 Get-To-Know NWAG with very low turn out.
- ❖ Kept prospective members in the loop
- ❖ Inducted 3 members for 2017.
 - Philomena Ahimie (Sponsor, Franca Alele)
 - Kate Ekwenchi (Sponsor, Bosede Balogun)
 - Nike Oshin (Sponsor, Stella Etta)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**Mrs. Theresa Abak-Ibebunjo & Mrs. Chinwe Ozulumba**

- ❖ Planned and organized our 70's Party on February 11, 2017.
- ❖ Planned and organized our Annual Fundraising & Award Banquet Ceremony on June 24, 2017

HEALTH COMMITTEE**Mrs. Funmi Shitta-Bey & Mrs. Helen Edoimioya**

- ❖ Medical Supplies Shipment to Oyo State
- ❖ Walkathon – 5k Walk/Run in collaboration with ANPA – First collaboration with another association for this type of event.
- ❖ NWAG contributed \$1500 towards the Walkathon (5kWalk/Run) and ANPA also contributed \$1500.
- ❖ Total funds collected by NWAG - \$2988.28 with an almost 100% return on contribution.
- ❖ ANOG Health Fair – Routine health check, Zumba Dance and Health Literature: No cost to NWAG.

NWAG PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**Dr. Yeti Ezeanii & Dr. Emelia Orubele**

- ❖ Kept our website, Facebook & Twitter updated.
- ❖ Monitor and Checked NWAG voicemail.
- ❖ Covered NWAG various events.
- ❖ Published NWAG 2016 Pacesetter magazine.
- ❖ Publicized NWAG events in the community through interviews, etc.
- ❖ Liaised with NWAG Webmaster to update NWAG website.
- ❖ Embarked on new project to update the website.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2017 RETREAT****Mrs. Bola Ogundoye & Mrs. Franca Orewa**

- ❖ Arranged for refreshments, member welfare and development activities.
- ❖ Continuous announcements of member activities
- ❖ Organized our annual retreat, year 2017 to Savannah Georgia, from April 28-30, 2017 around the theme: "NWAG Sisters Moving On Up"

NWAG 2017 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Dr. Alawode Oladele M.D., M.P.H

Nigeria born Dr. Alawode Oladele obtained an MD degree from Morehouse School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, Atlanta GA. Some of his other areas of interests include working on social justice issues (including but not limited to: economic development; community development; environmental justice; human rights; human development; and social

change. In addition, Dr. Oladele does a lot of nonprofit work and serves on the board of directors of several organizations such as Nigerian Women Association of Georgia (NWAG) and also works with numerous US based and international NGOs.

Dr Oladele has been involved in numerous humanitarian and volunteer work focusing on improving our global community. Some of these include as Volunteer Physician for Physician's Care Clinic, a clinic in DeKalb County for the indigent, Volunteer Physician for Human Rights Asylum Network, Volunteer Physician: Medical evaluation of asylum seekers in Atlanta, Georgia. He initiated the "Public Health Student Adopt a Refugee Family" Program in DeKalb County in 1999. He was a Physician volunteer in the 1996 Olympic Games, the 1996 Paralympic Games, He coordinates a Refugee Youth Mentoring and Tutorial Program in DeKalb County (1999 to present).

Dr. Oladele has received several awards for his work as Physician, Consultant, Adviser, Director, CEO, Board Member, and Volunteer of outstanding measure and lately Nigeria Consulate's Appreciation Award. For all of these and much more, NWAG is very proud to honor Dr. Alawode Oladele with the 2017 NWAG Award of Excellence!

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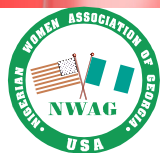
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NWAG FACT SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 2017

Major accomplishments in the United States

- Awarded **52** one-time scholarships to qualified high school seniors in Atlanta, Georgia
- Annually supports **Southside Medical Center, Sickle Cell Foundation, International Women's House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, MedShare International, Atlanta Community Food Bank and Susan G Komen .**
- Organizes annual summer enrichment and educational programs for youth and children in the Atlanta Metro area (**WAZOBIA Sunfest**)
- Conducts outreach to schools in the Metro Atlanta area to educate students about the cultural heritage of Nigeria and Africa
- Provided support to Hurricane Katrina Victims, Carter Center Guinea Worm Eradication Program, Mercy Foundation, Haiti Earthquake Victims and American Cancer Society.
- Since **2008**, NWAG volunteers annually at MedShare International. NWAG has also volunteered at Atlanta Community Food Bank 2011, 2015-2017, and Foster Care Support Foundation 2012.
- Since **2009**, annual collaboration with **National Black Arts Festival** in Atlanta, Georgia (a first for a Nigerian Organization) to showcase Nigerian culture.
- Organizes annual Health Fair in collaboration with the Alliance of Nigerian Organizations (ANOG), Nigerian Nurses Association of Georgia (NNAG) in Atlanta & The Association of Nigerian Physicians in Americas (ANPA).
- NWAG received "Community Impact Award" by Overcomers Christian Fellowship in 2014.
- Donated Crocs to children in orphanages in Nigeria in 2014 and 2015, as well as to displaced children in Enugu State, Nigeria in 2015.
- NWAG received "African Community Humanitarian Award" from African Women Leadership Organization (AWLO) in August 2016

Major accomplishments in Nigeria

- Awarded **507** scholarships to female college students representing 36 states and FCT
- Supports the nutrition program of **12** orphanages in 11 states & FCT through the **Beacon 100** campaign; since 2009, provide holiday gifts through the **Angel Tree Project**.
- Shipped **5** containers of medical supply worth over **\$2 million** to **13** community hospitals in **12 states** in Nigeria.
- Participated in HIV/AIDS awareness campaign in Nigeria
- Collaborates with several organizations in Nigeria with similar missions
 - ✓ Supported the Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF)
 - ✓ Distributed blood pressure cuffs to 15 states
 - ✓ Donated syringes to Boltless Hospital, Ilupeju, Lagos
 - ✓ Partnered with Nigerian Bottling Company and Prime City Construction to Co-sponsor the 2009 Scholarship Award Ceremony in Lagos, Nigeria
 - ✓ Supported Society for the Welfare for the Blind in Nigeria (SWBN)
- Supports and collaborates with organizations that conduct Medical Missions in Nigeria
 - ✓ Eko Club International (2010, 2012, 2014)
 - ✓ Mercy Foundation (Medical Mission)
 - ✓ Hope Foundation, Kogi State (2014)

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We accept support and donations from friends and well-wishers like you. **NWAG is a 501 (C) (3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible.** We would really appreciate it if you could put NWAG on your list of charitable organizations. **Please make checks payable to NWAG and send to the address above.** Thank you.

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NWAG supported orphanages in 2017

Name	Location	State
Little Saints	Palm Grove	Lagos
Seventh Day Adventist Mission Orphanages	Edoha	Rivers
The Susana Home	Aba	Abia
The Anamwim Home	Abuja	FCT
Zume Memorial Orphanage	Irrua	Edo
St Anthony's Destitute Center	Uyo	Akwa-Ibom
Tenderlove Orphanage	Awka	Anambra
God's Will Orphanage	Anyigba	Kogi
The Care People Foundation	Ibadan	Oyo
Izzi Motherless Babies Home	Oswanka-Izzi	Ebonyi
Joy Dorcas Orphanages	Ikrom	Cross River
GBI Orphanage & Children Center	Ebedei	Delta



Meal Time at an orphanage

2017 NWAG's Fundraising 70's PARTY



70's "Ol'Skool fundraising party is another NWAG's strategy for raising funds.

THE HEALTH INITIATIVE

NWAG's shipment of 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment arrived Ibadan, Oyo State Nigeria – May 2017



NWAG at the ANOG Picnic & Health Fair



NWAG 6th Walk-A-Thon & First ANPA-NWAG 5K Run/Walk 2017



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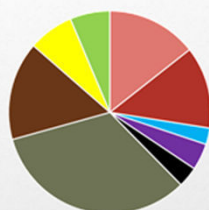
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A Touch
Of Class**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2017 NWAG EXPENSES



- Scholarship/Nigeria
- Orphanages
- Scholarship/Georgia
- Charitable Contributions
- Medical Container
- Fundraising Expenses
- Percentage to NWAG House
- Miscellaneous
- Retreat

MAJOR INCOME-EXPENSE SUMMARY

	Income	Expenditure	Gain	Loss
70's Party	\$6,082.00	\$3090.42	\$2,991.58	
Medical Supplies	\$26,842.00	\$18,425.00	\$8,317.00	
June Event	\$40,590.02	\$22,102.82	\$18,487.20	
5 K Run-Walk	\$3,013.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,603.00	
Retreat	\$5,540.00	\$10,402.15		(\$4862.15)
Total	\$82,067.02	\$55,522.39	\$26,547.63	

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WHO

Nigerian women by birth or marriage 21 years or older residing in the state of Georgia

WHAT

Monthly General Meeting

WHEN

Last Saturday of every month at 3PM

WHERE

As announced

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ❖ The joy of using our talents and skills to serve humanity
- ❖ Sisterhood and Networking with fellow Nigerian women
- ❖ Annual Retreat for members: Planning and deliberating on the future of NWAG
- ❖ Serving as resource group to Metro-Atlanta schools and community on Nigeria and Nigerian culture.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 NWAG

Annual Fundraising & Awards Banquet

FEATURING

- Scholarship Awards
- Induction of New members
- Recognition of our 2018 Award Recipients

holding on

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VIP Seating at dedication ceremony
Discounted rate to utilize NWAG house

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The Vanguard Club:

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The Visionary Club:

\$2,500 - \$4,999

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The Humanitarian Club:

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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The Conveyor Club:

\$500 - \$999

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THE Masonry Club:

\$250 - \$499

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Certificate of donation
Invitation to NWAG house dedication ceremony

The Great Surveyor Club:

\$100

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Certificate of donation
Invitation to NWAG house dedication ceremony

The Carpenters' Club:

\$50

Donor's name Invitation to NWAG house dedication ceremony
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The Bricklayers' Club:

\$10

Donor's name listed and kept in NWAG archive



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