

# Quarterly

## UPDATE

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### Editorial

I am pleased to bring you this maiden issue of the IAD Quarterly Update (IAD Quarterly) because it marks the beginning of a new phase in the development of this organization. Three months ago, I sent you a copy of information update on the activities by the members of your board of directors and the Executive Committee.

That information update was written at the suggestion of a regular member of the IAD who called me to explain that he hardly heard anything about what the organization was doing except at convention time. This, he explained, was to infrequent to be of practical use to the members.

I thanked the member for his suggestion and produced the document. I also promised you that I would send you quarterly updates on the "goings-on" of the IAD. Well, over the past three months, I have thought about it and determined that an organization that is such a trend setter as the IAD should support a quarterly publication that shares information of interest to the members. This is the result.

This update will be published in July, October, January, and April of every year, coinciding with the end of our regular quarters which end in June, September, December and March.

To make this publication viable, I need information from all of you (editorial material). If you encounter any news item—new arrivals in the United States, new ba-

bies born, graduations from high school, from Universities, etc. please send them to me for inclusion in the newsletter. To make it easy for you, I have set up an e-mail address strictly for this newsletter [iadnews@attglobal.net](mailto:iadnews@attglobal.net) for your convenience. You may also fax your news to me at (773) 538-0709 if that is more convenient. Of course, you may call me with the information and I will do the composition of the text on your behalf. Your contribution is essential to the success of the Quarterly. Fax

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I hope you enjoy this issue of the Quarterly. Help me to keep it coming by providing your much needed input.

-Fidelis N. Umeh  
Editor-in-Chief

### Chicago Prepares for the Millennium Convention

*Dateline Chicago—July, 2000*

Information reaching the IAD Bulletin Editorial board indicates that the IAD Chicago residents are gearing up feverishly for the Millennium Convention

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scheduled for Chicago in early September. Our sources indicate that the initial "Save the Date" announcements were sent out to all members in early June. As this bulletin goes to press, the editorial board has learned that another mailing has been sent out, providing the IAD members with specifics about the convention including hotel accommodations, preliminary program for the weekend, etc.

A well connected source who wishes to remain anonymous has informed the IAD Quarterly Editorial Board that this convention is one that you would not want to miss. So, get packing! It's guaranteed to be a lot of fun.

### **The Scholarship Program**

#### *Dateline Chicago—July 2000*

The IAD Scholarship program is on target. Currently, there are twelve students on our scholarship program in the four Secondary Schools in Agulu. Recently however, the Anambra state government instituted free primary and secondary education throughout Anambra state. The IAD Board and Executive Committee are now in the process of re-evaluating the implementation strategy for the Scholarship program.

### **The Telephone Project**

#### *Dateline Maryland—July 2000*

The IAD started a feasibility study on the possibility of procuring telephone service for Agulu. Both Dr. Onyeozili and Peter Okemmuo undertook this project and investigated the various aspects of what may be needed.

As of the writing of this quarterly update, information reaching the editorial staff indicates that the government of Nigeria has made the telephone system a priority. It has started a full implementation program beginning with the Northern Region. At

this point, most of the north has telephone access.

The government has committed to providing telephone access to every local government area in the country. As far as cost of installation, the good news is that the cost continues to come down. It is now at N15,000 (approximately \$150.00). The IAD committee will continue to monitor the situation and hopes to take advantage of any opportunities when and if they arise.

### **Georgia Forms a Chapter**

#### *Dateline Atlanta—July, 2000*

We are pleased to announce the formation and inauguration of the IAD Atlanta Chapter on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The chapter elected the following as members of the Executive: CY Agupugo, President; Titus Anene, Secretary; and Samson Edem, Treasurer.

We learned that all Agulu indigenes resident in the states of Georgia and Tennessee are excited about the formation of the Chapter. Those that are not yet members and those that are inactive in the National body expressed interest in becoming active national members. "We look forward to working with the National body and counting on their support," said their President.

Please join us in congratulating the IAD Atlanta Chapter.

### **Texas Chapter Convenes its Quarterly meeting**

#### *Dateline Dallas—July 2000*

Information arriving at the IAD Quarterly Editorial Desk indicates that the Texas Chapter has convened a meeting of its members for the second half of July. According to COC Maduagwu—the convener, all the members plan to participate in this electronic media meeting forum. The meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

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COC also informed the Quarterly that a new organization called “Anaocha Towns Union” has been founded in the greater Dallas Forth Worth Metroplex. This Union has scheduled an inauguration (Launching) ceremony for September 23, 2000 in Dallas.

### **Your Email Address, your mobile phone number—We need them!**

*IAD Editorial Desk—July 2000*

In today’s information age, the flow of information is the cornerstone of the information revolution. We would like to have the appropriate vehicles for disseminating information, particularly in cases of emergency, to all the members of the IAD. In the United States today, almost everybody has both a cellular telephone as well as access to e-mail. The IAD members are no exception. Wouldn’t it be nice if you could be reading this newsletter electronically? You can then cut and paste portions of it, send segments to friends, etc.

If you have email access and/or cellular phone, please send them/it to the IAD Quarterly editorial staff at [IADNews@attglobal.net](mailto:IADNews@attglobal.net). From that point on, we shall provide you electronic versions of the newsletter.

May we expect to hear from you soon? And thank you for your cooperation.

### **The Roads are Indeed Better!**

*Dateline Agulu - June 2000*

Information reaching the Quarterly indicates that the road connecting Amawbia with Nanka through Agulu is being re-surfaced. The Quarterly has learned that it now takes less than ten minutes to motor from Amawbia junction to Nwagu junction. You may recall that in the past,

this journey took upwards of thirty minutes on a non-rainy day and much longer during adverse weather conditions. Part of the time improvement is a result of the removal of the “checkpoints” on the Amawbia-Agulu road. The government has removed most of these checkpoints, thereby making car travels in Anambra state much easier.

### **We Lost some members’ names and addresses**

*From the Membership Secretary:*

Recently, mail sent to some of the IAD members were returned because these people have moved. The IAD Membership Secretary does not have a forwarding address. These names have now been dropped from future mailings till we have their correct addresses. If you know any of these individuals, would you please contact them and ask them to send their new addresses to the IAD Secretariat through any of the means listed above (*see page 1, column 1*). The names are as follows:

1. Emeka Agunwa
2. Okey Chigbo
3. Anthony Ezewuzie
4. Pat Ikemefuna
5. Chinyere & Simon Nwaigwe
6. Gloria Nwosa
7. Benjamin & Elizabeth Obi
8. Chidozie Obi
9. Emmanuel Obi
10. Kingsley Obikwelu
11. Chukwunete T Ogbuafor
12. Uzoamaka Okoye
13. George C. Onuwasoanya