

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Efik Community,

Welcome to “**Efik National Month**” in the United States of America. The excitement has been building up throughout this year for our upcoming 14th Annual National Convention in Houston, Texas.

Our Special Guest of Honor, His Eminence, The Obong of Calabar, and his entourage including Etuboms and Advisers are looking forward to meeting and greeting each of you in Houston. Let's make the Obong's visit a very memorable one with your presence.

Join me in thanking in advance the ENA Exco members and our local partners, the Houston Chapter for working around the clock in preparation of this convention.

In order to drive traffic and increase daily volume on our “**new website**”, we encourage everyone to use the site as the primary source for obtaining information about all ENA activities and updates. ENA will no longer send emails to its members officially. This change takes effect immediately. We will limit email activities to ENA Executive Committee use only. I also encourage all ENA members to communicate with me or other Exco members by phone or by our personal emails on the website under “ENA Executive” page.

Below is an extended week long Program of Events. For those arriving on Monday or Tuesday, you can take advantage of the early programs schedule.

July 25th (Monday)

National President arrives in Houston.

July 26th (Tuesday)

Obong tours Transtar Facility.....9am

Obong tours Medical Facility.....10.30am

Cocktail Reception at City Hall.....12pm

Obong receives award/Proclamation from City Council Chambers, Houston.....1.30pm

July 28th (Thursday)

Arrival & Registration of ENA members & guests (All Day).

Reception by Host Chapter

Taping of "Crossroad" with Melanie Lawson at the Local ABC Studio at 8pm. Show will focus on ENA Convention and will air on Saturday morning in Houston.

July 29th (Friday)

Arrival & Registration of remaining ENA members & guests.

Reception by Host Chapter

Excursion to NASA Johnson Space Center.....10am-2pm

ENA Executive Meeting Luncheon1pm

The venue for the Business Forum, Youth Wing Pageant and Business Meeting will be:
St. Theresa Catholic Church (KC Hall)
705 St. Theresa Blvd,
Sugar Land, Texas

Business Forum Round Table.....3pm-5pm

Topic: "**Beyond Fundraising, A Path to Capital Investment in the US**".

Youth Wing And Houston Young Adults Present Pageant, Cultural, Talent & Fashion Show.....5.30pm-8pm

ENA Business Meeting.....8pm-11pm

Amendment to current By-Laws

Ratify 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget

Present 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget

ENA Happy Hours/Dance.....11pm-3am

Zanzi bar Party Hosted by Young Adult of Houston (18 & over).....10pm-2am

July 30th (Saturday)

Family Picnic at ACC, hosted by Houston Young Adults.....12pm-4pm

Members & Guests begin to arrive for the Gala/Fundraiser.....6pm

Obong is welcomed at ACC Field by Ekpe Masquerade along with male and female dancers.....6.30pm

Obong enters the convention hall.....7pm

The host chapter President opens the convention.....7.45pm

Opening Prayer.....7.50pm

Dinner is served-(Buffet-style).....8.00pm-11pm

Libation

Keynote Speech by Professor Ekanem Ikpi Braide (10 minutes)
Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State

MC introduces Convention Chair, Princess (Senator) Florence Ita-Giwa

Fundraising throughout the night.

Medical Mission Presentation by Dr. Felicia Bassey-Akamune

Cultural Shows throughout the night.

National President Award Presentation

Obong's Recognition Award for Community Service

Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!

Closing Remarks & Prayer

Convention declared closed after 2012 Host City is announced.

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