

2013 Efik National Convention-Campaign Kick-off!

From: **Paul Duke** (orokduke@att.net)

Sent: Mon 11/05/12 1:01 AM

To:

Dear ENA-USA members,

On the hills of our historic National Convention last summer in which the Efik Monarch and some of the elected leaders from Cross River State were in attendance, we have been working very diligently toward the next National Convention Campaign and many other important initiatives that will affect our unique community in the US and those back home. Here are some very important milestones I'm delighted to share with each of you at this time:

The 2013 Efik National Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, in Stamford, Connecticut, from July 25-28. The hotel will provide us a one-stop-hospitality hub for most of our activities as indicated by the breakdown below:

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Guest Arrivals/Check-in (3pm)

Welcome Party-African Club Style will be sponsored by the NY Tri-State Chapter.

Friday, July 26, 2013

Zumba work-out

Youth Talent show-A Must See!

Buffet Dinner-Efik Cuisines will be sponsored by the NY Tri-State Chapter.

Business Meeting

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Zumba work-out

Youth Sightseeing/Shopping

Gala/Fundraising with Highlights below:

-College Scholarship Awards

-NY Tri-State Chapter official Launching of its New Name (Nka Nsongho Nda Chapter)

Sunday, July 28, 2013

Interfaith Sunday Service

Guest Check-out/Departure (1pm)

The reservation protocol is now open. You can begin to make your Guest Room reservations with the option of a King-size bed or 2 Queen-size beds at the group rate of **\$109.00/night** plus Tax. **These guest rooms also come with (2) two complimentary coupons for hot breakfast. WOW! Can you beat that! This is an Encore to the Hilton Hotel Breakfast Love-fest; Excitement is the word on Calabar Road, USA.** You can also request for additional breakfast coupons at \$10.00 each.

Parking is complimentary on 3-levels of Parking Garage. National/Alamo Car Rental is located within the hotel premises for guest convenience and you may call 203-425-9902 for your vehicle rental reservation.

The toll free number for your room reservation is: **800-325-3535**, or via fax at **203-356-0576** and ask for the "**group rate**" for "**The Efik National Assoc. USA Inc**". In addition, the hotel has customized a webpage for us and it is now linked to the ENA-USA website (www.efikusa.org). **You can now make your on-line reservation by typing in www.efikusa.org/2013-convention on your web browser. If you encounter any problem making your reservation using one of the three options above, please call the 2013 Convention Planning Committee Chair, Mma Afi Duke at 203-722-9164 for assistance.** Those interested in making this convention as extended family vacation time will get the same room rate (\$109.00/night) from Monday, July 22 to Monday, July 29.

Join me in applauding these initial efforts of our new partners for the 2013 Convention Planning, the NY Tri-State Chapter members, led by President Sam Okon Eniang and the Planning Chair, Mma Afi Duke for accepting this responsibility to host us.

Dr. Felicia Bassey Akamune (Exco Member/ Chair of Health/Wellness Committee) will be leading the effort on "Used Clothing and Shoes Drive" across the country in response to the recent devastating flooding in some parts of Cross River State. Kindly, read the email she sent to each of you recently titled "**DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT**".

I am also pleased to announce again that Dr. Akamune will lead the "Second ENA-USA Medical Mission" to Cross River State. She is putting her team together. Those interested in volunteering for this mission should call Dr. Akamune at (240) 476-7796 and sign-up.

On a lighter mood, NKA Ikemesit Chapter will be having a welcome reception dinner for one of our highly accomplished Efik sons, **His Excellency, Ambassador Bassey E. Archibong on Saturday, November 10, 2012**. Nka is inviting everyone to meet, greet and dine with his Excellency on his recent appointment to the United States. For additional information regarding the venue and event time, please, call Mma Liz Trimnell (Exco Member) at (240)-481-5801.

Finally, our prayers and sympathy are once again profoundly expressed particularly to those families in the hardest hit cities in New-York, New Jersey, Connecticut and other States along the Eastern Seaboard affected by the devastation of hurricane Sandy. We are reminder that in times like this, a non-profit organization such as the ENA-USA has a moral and civic responsibility to protect its members and extend a hand of fellowship to others in the larger community when there is a crisis. I will be requesting from the National Executive Committee a donation to the America Red Cross in the amount of \$500.00 to aid in the relief effort.

God bless and protect each of you,

Chief (Prince) Paul O. Bassey-Duke

National President,

ENA-USA

www.efikusa.org