

BWI Alumni Association
Report from the California Chapter
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The California Chapter is well and strong

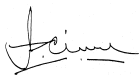
Strength

- A. We continue to meet regularly, usually once a month at the home of a member with 90 percent of the membership attending. (The entire chapter is composed of 9 families)
- B. Our bank account is fairly strong for our size. We have no annual membership due. We undertake fund raising drives to support our chapter and occasionally we do emergency due for a year or two.
- C. Our annual picnic continues to draw hundreds of Liberians out in the California fresh air for association with each other. We held our first picnic in 1984 and we have not stopped since. Our association has a positive influence on the community and we continue in that leading role.

Challenges

- A. Some of our old members are coming back and this is good for our chapter. We continue to encourage BWI graduates living in the area to join us. This is a difficult task.
- B. We are always seeking ways to solicit funds for projects on BWI. We request that with consultation with the principal of BWI, the National identify a big project on BWI that all the chapters can rally around and raise fund to carry out that project. We proposed this last year and the year before but up to date we have not heard anything.
- C. For the last few years our chapter has been dissatisfied with the National. Some of our members are concerned about the direction the National has taken over the last few years. We hope the new administration will try to change direction and focus our attention again on BWI who needs our help. We think it is a shame for an organization like ours would raise \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year and spent all of it on operations. We think that 50% of our yearly intake should be earmarked for BWI.

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