

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER



2009

ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted By:

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MEMBERSHIP:

Our membership is gradually increasing. We added one (1) new member to our roster this year. Our Directors are making efforts to locate and target potential members in their various communities and surroundings. We are focusing on strategies that will keep our existing members interested and encourage our new members to become actively involved in our association.

ACTIVITIES:

Southwest Chapter will undertake two major events this summer to encourage participation and promote a family like atmosphere. The first will be a picnic at a local park where members and their families will have an opportunity to meet and socialize with others. The second event will be an all day bus trip to an amusement center.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

In 2008, the Southwest Chapter awarded scholarships to two (2) students of BWI – Kakata for the 2008-2009 academic year. The students are Ezekiel Brown, a Sophomore Electrical student and Joseph Matala, a Junior Agriculture student. Progress Reports were recently received on both students.

CARE AND CONCERN:

Southwest Chapter lost a very strong and influential member in 2009. The untimely death of Pastor Nathaniel Johnson brought shock wave in our community. He was a strong supporter of our chapter and his passing has left a void in our community.

Elizabeth Smith, a cousin of Mr. E. Henry Harmon and Mr. Boima McGill died in a Dallas/Fort Worth hospital in January 2009 after a brief illness.

Ms. Korpo Vankpana, niece of Mr. Huzani Sesay passed away this January in Houston, Texas. Mr. Simon Stevens lost two sisters (Deborah Turay and Sarah Stevens) in Liberia during the months of January and May 2009.

Mrs. Wleno Brownell-Smith, sister of Rev. Tabe W. Brownell passed away in Liberia in December 2008. Tete Totimeh, sister of Mr. Jesse Totimeh also passed away in Liberia during this period.

Mr. Nathaniel Y. Wilson underwent back surgery in San Antonio, Texas in 2008. Several members of the Southwest Chapter made a trip to San Antonio to visit Mr. Wilson and his family.

Fellow Alumni & Friends:

The Southwest Chapter continues to be strong and active in our communities. Our quarterly meetings were held as scheduled. We paid our dues and other assessments to the National Chapter as mandated by our National Constitution.

This year is an election year for the Southwest Chapter. In December, all of our elected officers except the Financial Secretary will complete two consecutive terms, deeming them ineligible to be re-elected in their current positions. Many, if not all of our outgoing officers will serve in other capacities. We are confident that our Chapter will continue to be one of the most progressive chapters in our association.

The Southwest Chapter is composed of four (4) regions. The regions are as follows: Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Oklahoma City, and San Antonio. Each region is managed by a Director, who is elected by the members of that region. The Chapter meets quarterly in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

MEET OUR OFFICERS:

President

David M. Sirleaf, Sr.

Vice President

Albert B. Travell

Financial Secretary

Daniel Ralph Henri, PNP

Treasurer

Jehu M. Jallah

Recording Secretary

Jesse Totimeh

Chaplain

Rev. Tabe W. Brownell

Social Secretary

T. Ebenezer Taylor, Sr.

Information Officer

E. Henry Harmon

Scholarship Coordinator

Arthur T. Jallah

Director, Dallas/Fort Worth

Boimah W. McGill

Director, Houston

Alice R. Martin

Director, Oklahoma City

Jesse Totimeh

Director, San Antonio

Nathaniel Y. Wilson

DR. F. AMADU SIRLEAF, SR.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BWI National Alumni Association of North American (Southwest Chapter) will award two (2) scholarships to a male and a female student of BWI - Kakata. To be considered, the student must meet the following criteria:

- **Be a Liberian**
- **Be a full time student at BWI**
- **Be in his or her second semester or beyond**
- **Be a student needing financial assistance**
- **Be in good academic standing and of good character**
- **Be involved in extra curricular activities.**

Student must reapply each school year to remain qualified.

Request and/or submit your application to:

Mr. Arthur T. Jallah
Scholarship Coordinator
803 Birkhill Trail
Arlington, Texas 76001

Scholarship Board Members:

Mr. Arthur T. Jallah – Coordinator
Mr. Obediah Nylander – Assistant Coordinator
Ms. Cora Sirleaf
Mr. Nathaniel Y. Wilson
Mr. Albert B. Travell
Mrs. LaChanda Totimeh
Mrs. Eppie B. Mellish

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Due to the high cost associated with traveling and the short turnaround between the Summer and Winter Executive Council meetings, it is our recommendation that the Winter Executive Council meeting be held via teleconference. We feel that this measure will alleviate some of the financial burdens placed on the members of the Executive Council. It is also our recommendation that a copy of the National Financial Secretary's Report be emailed to all Executive Council members prior to convening. We believe this will expedite the time spent on discussing the report.