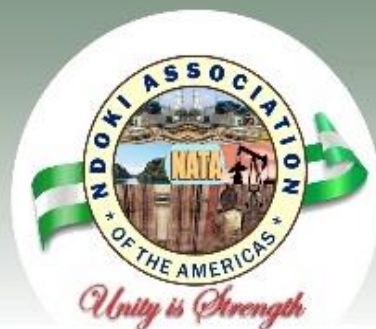




NDOKI ASSOCIATION *of the Americas*



4th *Bi-Annual* **CONVENTION** & Gala Nite

Saturday July 14th, 2018
by 7.00 pm @

BEST WESTERN PLUS ATLANTA AIRPORT EAST
301 N. Central Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30254, (: (404) 763 8777

Promoting Education in Ndoki Land



WELCOME ADDRESS FROM NATA PRESIDENT



Honorable keynote speaker, distinguished guests, members of Ndoki Association of the Americas (NATA), I am highly honored to welcome you to the fourth biannual convention and fundraising gala night. The entire membership of NATA thanks you for honoring our invitation.

NATA is a non-profit organization deeply committed to the advancement of Ndoki culture. More specifically, the fostering of a good relationship amongst Ndoki people in the diaspora and the promotion of ideas that improve the life of our Ndoki communities at home.

I was entrusted with the leadership of NATA three years ago during a very chaotic period in our history. We were faced with a precarious situation. It has been quite a ride.

I use this opportunity to thank the members of NATA who decided that no matter how few we were, sinking was not an option. Together we changed the culture of using our Yahoo Group medium as a battle ground and brought the narrative back to the very core of our formation.

In addition, members brought a positive, fully devoted and engaged attitude to all our conference meetings. Due to the dedication of the executive board and the members of NATA, we have overcome most of our obstacles. Your support has helped me steer this organization to the next phase.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to inform you that the state of NATA is sound. We are ready to begin putting our footprints in Ndoki villages.

The theme of this convention and fundraising activities is: **Promoting Education in Ndoki land.**

Despite the fact that the Ndoki people had early access to education, today, most of our schools are being neglected. The buildings are crumbling and school children are subjected to leaking roofs whenever it rains. Some schools lack desks and chairs and some lack things as basic as books, pens and pencils.

Education is wide in scope, but the steadfast efforts of the whole NATA membership have put together a road map for how we will begin this journey.

I want you all to know that we can make an impact if we are willing to do it not for the credit but with the sole intention of improving our homeland. It is about giving not only out of our surpluses but in the spirit of the advancement of humanity. The sacrifices we make today will effect changes for generations to come. Your support will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals.

I wish NATA a successful convention and fundraising gala night.

I wish you safe return to your various destinations.

May God bless you all.

Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Emuchay
President
Ndoki Association of The Americas (NATA)

Nigerian & American National Anthems

Arise, O compatriots
Nigeria's call obey
to serve our fatherland
with love and strength and faith.
The banner of our banner past
shall never be in vain,
to serve with heart and might
one nation bound in freedom
Peace and unity.

Oh land of freedom,
direct our noble deeds
Guide then our footsteps right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and harmony to grow
And rising fast and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace



And where is that land who so willingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battles confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no
more?
Their blood has watered our free but hapless
prairie
Forever could save the living and save
From the terror of fight, or the gloom of the
grave
And the star-spangled banner in triumph
doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave.

On the shore only seen through the mist and the fog,
Where the foes' naughty host in dark silence
reposed
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering
waves,
Has hither blown, half-conscious, half-discovered
here
Tranquil, the green of the morning's first beam,
And dim, the purple wear of the evening's
glow?
Hark! the land of the free and the home of the
brave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave.

Oh thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the tyrant's
swords
When all the world's wrongs are made right,
When the weary are at peace, may the Heav'n
re-
spond
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved
us a nation
Through our sins, we must never forget the just,
and the noble and good, in love and truth,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph
shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave.

NATA OFFICERS 2014



Esiaba Stanley, VP



Ngozi Emuchey, President



**Charles Ojunta,
Secretary**



**Beatrice Owunwanne
Financial Secretary**



**Justina N Onwukwe
Provost**



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NDOKI PEOPLE OF NIGERIA

INTRODUCTION

The Ndoki people account for only a very small fraction of the Igbo population of Nigeria. Historical documents claim that the Ndoki founding fathers were migrants from Bonny. Although controversy is associated with the real source of Ndoki origins, the fact remains that they have occupied their present abodes since the early times of humanity. Traditionally they have always maintained cultural links with the rest of the groups in the Rivers State. According to Nwogu (2011), the Ndoki group migrated out of the Central Delta Region in search of peaceful environment because of endless crises in the 15th century Benin Kingdom. The exodus was in the south-east direction and continued until they arrived in the Imo River valley in about 1504 AD. The great anthropologist G. I. Jones argued that there were pockets of settlements of Isuama Igbos in the Imo River Valley when the Ndokis arrived. With passage of time, the interactions between these peoples (trade, marriage, slave trade) lead to complete adoption and assimilation of the Ndoki group into generic Igbo language and culture (Nwogu, 2011).

Location and its People

The people of Ndoki are found in Oyigbo LGA of Rivers State, Ukwa-East LGA in Abia State, and the Ohaobu groups of villages are a part of Akwa Ibom State. Those in Rivers State include Ayama, Okoloma, Umuosi, and Obeakpu. Oral tradition claim that from these early settlements, the people spread to Egberu, Afam-Ukwu, Afam –nta down to Umuagbai, Azogu, Maraihu, Okpontu, Obunku Okwanku, and Obete. Those that later crossed the Imo River are found in Akwete, Azumini, Obunku Ugbo, Mkpuajakere, Nkpukpoha, Ohambele, Akirika-Ukwu, Akirika-Nta, Abaki, Akanu, Akirika-Obu, Eti, Obohia, Obaozu, Ohandu, Ohanku, Ohanso, Ohuru, and Ubaku (Nwalor, Orji and Sokari-George, 2011). The Ndoki people are grouped into clans for administrative connivance. These clans include: Umuihueze I, Umuihueze II, Obohia, Ikwu-Ori-Ato, Umukobo, Ikwuorie, Umuigubeachara, Ikwueke and Ohuru/Mkporobo.

Between 1960 and now the bulk of the Ndoki people has moved from Eastern Region to Biafra, East Central State, to Imo/Rivers, and now Abia State. According to Nwogu (2011), the average Ndoki person has little or no inclination to aristocracy or monarchy. The typical Ndoki person strongly believes in the expression “Iwuru Eze, o n’ulo gi” – you are only a monarch in your household. As lovers of democracy, power has always been based with the people and groups that appeal to the masses. In earlier times, authority lay with the elders and first male born. After the Nigerian Civil War, many Ndoki persons emigrated out of the traditional Ndoki homeland in Nigeria due to an absence of federal presence, lack of jobs and poor infrastructure. Birth, marriage and burial are considered the three most important family events in most cultures, and Ndoki land is not an exception to that. Between 2008 and 2009, our homeland was subjected to very serious security challenges, with hoodlums, kidnapers and hostage takers terrorizing our people. Proper intervention by both Federal and state law enforcement agents were able to stabilize the situation. Ekeke (2010) observed that some eminent Ndoki persons have played vital roles in government and service of our dear country Nigeria.

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***The Ohunna Family in
USA***

and Akirika Ndoki



WISHES

NATA and NDOKI PEOPLE UNITY

THAT

**BRINGS PROGRESS at the 4th National
Convention in ATLANTA GEORGIA, FOCUSING
ON EDUCATION IN NDOKI**

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

**Mrs. Stella Ekeocha Anele,
Mrs. Beatrice Nwosu and
Ultimate High Lolo Chidinma Eneogwe**

CONGRATULATE

Mr. & Dr. [Mrs.]
Emuchay

and the entire
members of Ndoki
Association of the
Americas

[NATA]

on their 4th
Biannual
convention and
fundraising
efforts.

We wish you
success on your endeavors



The Family of Mr. and Mrs. A Owunwanne



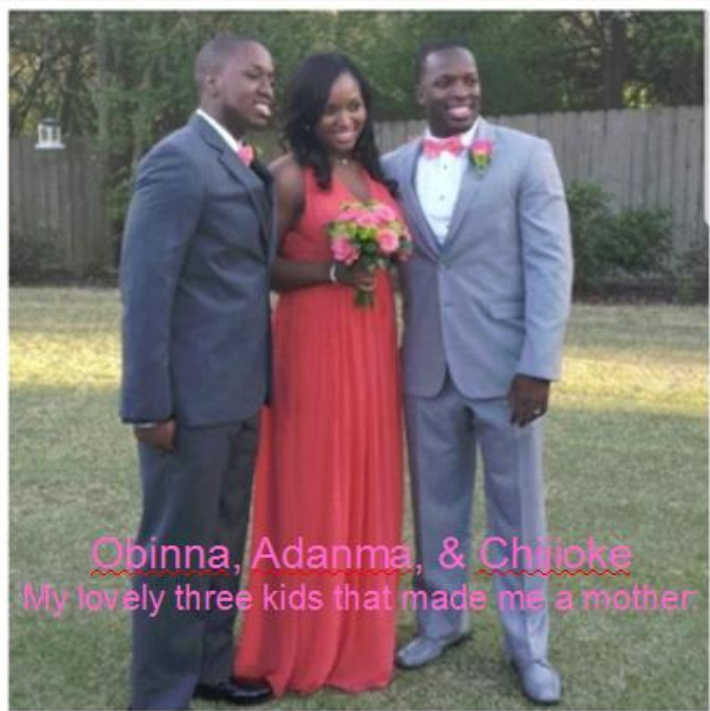
Congratulate NATA and wishes a SUCCESSFUL 4th
NATIONAL CONVENTION in Atlanta, Georgia

**Ihuoma Nwanyi Oma, Lady Ebbis and her family
congratulate**

**Ndoki Association of North America (NATA)
on the 4th Bi-Annual Convention & Gala Night**



**Ihuoma Nwanyi Oma,
Lady Ebbis**



**Obinna, Adanma, & Chiiioke
My lovely three kids that made me a mother:**



**Udokanma, Tochukwu, & Osmachi
My three beautiful grandchildren
that made me a grandmother:**

**A SYMBOL OF HAPPINESS
FROM NDOKI IN AMERICA**

Family of
Sir Eluwah and Lady Ihuoma Ebbis
celebrate the arrival of our greatest blessing:
Alexander Ikemefuna Ogugua, 1st grandson
born February 7, 2018. *Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the
fruit of the womb a reward. ~psalm 127:3 ~*
To God be all the glory!



Congratulations to Ndoki Association of North America
on the 4th Bi - Annual Convention & Gala Night.
- Chigozie, Ada, and Alexander Ogugua

The family of
Mr. Nkem and Dr.(Mrs.) Ngozi Emuchay
proudly congratulate the President
and the members of Ndoki Association of the Americas
on their biannual national convention in Atlanta, Georgia.



We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish you many more
successes in your endeavors.

THE FAMILY OF
Dr. AND MRS. OWEN N. OWUNWANNE

GREET NATA

ON ITS 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION

IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA



The Nweke Family

CONGRATULATE

the President and the entire membership of Ndoki
Association of The Americas

[NATA]

on their 4th Biannual Convention.

Wishing you a successful Convention.



Dr.Chuks Nweke and Dr. [Mrs.] Grace Nweke

The family of Mr. Michael & Mrs. Precious Ojika joyfully congratulate Keziah Ezinne Ojika for graduating from Hamline University with a master's degree. Congratulations to David Nwabueze Ojika for graduating from high school and proceeding to University this fall. We also congratulate NATA on her 4th National Convention 2018.



Class of 2018



The Ojunta Family in the Americas

wish to congratulate the Ndoki Association of The Americas

(NATA) on their 4th Bi –Annual Conference in

Atlanta, Georgia. July 13th -14th 2018.

Wishing Attendees a fruitful deliberations

GOD Bless Ndoki land, GOD Bless the Ojunta, and GOD Bless NATA.



Mr. Charles & Onyinyechi Ojunta for the family.



Akwete National Association USA Inc.,

**Joyfully Congratulate the Executive Officers
And the Entire members of the**

Ndoki Association of The Americas (NATA)

**On her 4th Bi-Annual National Convention and
Gala Night in Atlanta, Georgia**

Long Live NATA USA.

**Esiaba Stanley
(National President)**

**Emmanuel Ekeke
(National Secretary)**

The President of Umuadaigbo Organization Chicago Branch Inc.

Lolo Nneife Nkechi Okeh, Ochinanwata, happily congratulates the President of Ndoki Association of the Americas (NATA) Eziadaukwu Dr. Victoria Ngozi Emuchay, aka Nneoma, and the entire members of NATA.



Congratulations on a job well done!!! Thanks for your great leadership!!!! May God continue to guide and protect you as you work in his vineyard.

Signed

Lolo Nneife Nkechi Okeh,
Ochinanwata

President

Umuadaigbo Organization
Chicago Branch Inc.

Long Live Umuadaigbo
Organization USA!!!

Long Live the Ndoki Association of The Americas!

Mr. Enyinna Dennar & Mrs. Ugbana Dennar



Congratulates
Ndoki Association of the Americas

The family of
Esiaba and Onyi Stanley

heartily congratulate the President, Executive Officers and the entire members of NATA on her 4th National convention and fund raising in Atlanta Georgia.



We are delighted to be part of NATA and wish the association a successful convention.

Long Live NATA

Culture and Natural Resources

The Ancient land of Ndoki has a rich cultural heritage. From the Age Grade System, Ikoro dance, Nwaotam Cultural Festival, Okonko Secret Society to the Ekpe Masquerade and lots more. These festivals takes place at various times of the year and attract many visitors and tourists. They have being strong unifying factor for the peace loving people of Ndoki. Akwete is a hand woven cloth produced by the people of Akwete and other Ndoki communities. Petroleum oil exploration in Ndoki started with the discovery of oil by the Anglo-Dutch oil giant (Shell) in 1957 (Nwogu, 2011). The following Ndoki communities' (Obeakpu, Afam-Ukwu, Afam-Nta, Ayama, Egberu, Okoloma, and Obunku Okwankwu) have oil wells and natural gas installations (Nwogu, 2011). In addition to crude oil and natural gas, Electric Power (1,050 Megawatts) is generated, transmitted and distributed from the giant Afam Power Plant (Nwogu, 2011). The Oil and Natural gas exploration has led to serious environmental degradation in Ndokiland. The Ndoki land and people sustained heavy suffering and deaths during the Nigerian Civil War also known as the Biafran War with Nigeria. Many children and adults died due to starvation, diseases and as casualties of war.

Religion and Education

According to Nwogu (2011), Ndoki communities practiced traditional religion prior to advent of Christian missionary activities in 1914. Later, Niger Delta Pastorates, African Churches, Christ Army Church Stations and small Roman Catholic Missions at Obohia and Azumini were established (Nwogu, 2011). Evidence suggests that the Ndoki people have early access to western education when compared to other groups in Igbo hinterland. At the turn of the 20th century, two primary schools were established at Akwete and Obohia respectively. In addition, secondary schools were established in Obohia, Azumini, Umuagbai plus a vocational trade school at Ohanso. Collectively, these institutions educated generations of Umu Ndoki. Despite the early access Ndoki still lacked a post-secondary institution in our homeland. In Europe and North America, a growing number of Ndoki people have degrees in engineering, law, business, agriculture, science, liberal arts, and medicine from top institutions.

Ndoki in Diaspora

Ndoki in North America inaugurated The Ndoki Association of the Americas (NATA), a non-profit Association of Ndoki people in the Americas. The purpose of NATA is to serve as a forum for Ndoki people of Nigeria in the Americas to advance ideas that improve the life of Ndoki communities in Nigeria. Another objective is to see our community grow in the Americas; to have a strong voice on important issues that affect us and, by doing so, showcase the rich and exciting culture of our people, and our struggles in Diaspora and at home.

Summery By: Prof. Chuck Okere

Chief Ohia & Lolo Simon family

*congratulates the President (Dr. Ngozi Emuchay)
on Ndoki Association of the America's fourth Biannual Convention.
May God continue to bless you.*



Congratulations to NATA on the 2018 Convention!
Wishing you a successful deliberation
as you continue to support the Ndoki Communities.



Solomon Okoli & Family

MESSAGE FROM

Palace of Enyenweali X of Azumini

HRM Eze (Prof.) Edward Ebere Eule, Ph.D

It is with pleasure that I send you greetings on your fourth bi-annual convention in 2018. As you assemble to deliberate on Ndoki and other matters, I wish you God's guidance and wisdom. Your convention theme of "Promoting Education in Ndoki Land" is apt and well

taken. Having worked for over thirty years in tertiary education both in Nigeria and in North America, I do strongly subscribe to your emphasis on education in our homeland. For some years, quality education in Nigeria has declined on all levels: primary, secondary and tertiary. There is strong need for a resurgence of quality education in Nigeria. Hopefully, your efforts in this regard will foster this resurgence.

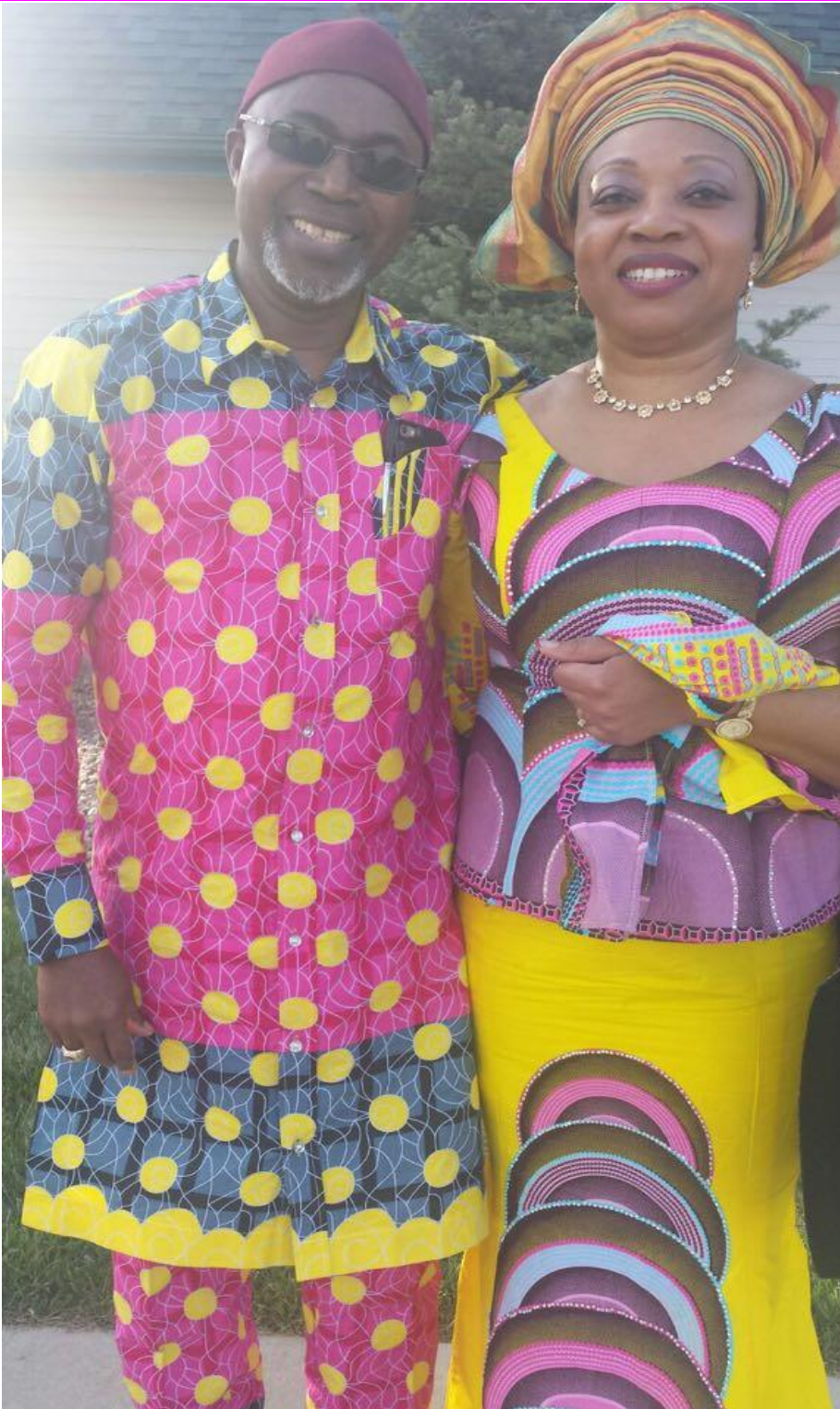
On behalf of Azumini Ancient Kingdom, I wish you a successful convention. I hope that your convention will yield good discussions and decisions that will strengthen the strong bonds that unite persons of all Ndoki communities.



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May God bless you.

Dr. & Dr. Mrs Chuks Nweke of Colorado



congratulate the
president Dr. Mrs.
Ngozi Emuchay
and Ndoki
Association of the
America
on this 2018
National event.

May the essence
of the organization
in the diaspora
never cease to
thrive.

To your able
president, may
your efforts pay
dividends and
prosperity in all the

projects you embark on.

Umuadaigbo Organization Chicago Branch Inc. heartily
congratulates the able dynamic President of

NATA, Eziadaukwu Dr. Ngozi Emuchay,

on a successful 2018 convention.



A lady with many hats; she is also the able and indomitable
Financial Secretary of Umuadaigbo Organization, Chicago. An
epitome of beauty, knowledge, career, wisdom and humility!!!

Thanks for your great service and leadership!!!

Lolo Nneife Nkechi Okeh

President

Umuadaigbo Organization Chicago Branch Inc.

Azumini Welfare Association of North America

[AWANA]

The President
and the entire
members of
AWANA heartily
Congratulate
the President
and the
members of
Ndoki
Association of
The Americas on
the occasion of
their 4th
Biannual



Convention in Atlanta Georgia.

Long live AWANA!

Long live NATA!

Honorable Eluwa Ebbis [President]

Dr. [Mrs.] Ngozi Emuchay [Vice President]

Mrs. Chinedu Akoma [Secretary]

**Dr. Ngozi and her parents,
Dr. & Mrs. E. Ubani**

CONGRATULATE

Ndoki Association of North America (NATA)



