

PEOPLES CLUB OF NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS –
ONITSHA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M) – 2010 SECRETARY’S REPORT

The President, Governing Council
 The Chairman, Management Committee
 Trustees/Patrons
 Members of the Management Committee
 Chairmen & Secretaries of branches
 Special National Officer
 Chairmen Emeritus
 Members of our great Club.

With great joy and honour, members of the Management Committee are pleased to welcome us to this year’s Annual General Meeting and with humility, I present the Secretary report. The report covers the period from last AGM 2009 to 13th December 2010.

1. **GROWTH:** Two (2) new branches was chartered during the outgoing year and (161) new members were inducted in all induction ceremonies both in Nigeria and Overseas.

2. **INAUGURATIONS / INDUCTIONS WITHIN THE PERIOD**

Branches	Date inaugurated	No inducted
1. Virginia Beach	31 st July 2010	15
2. Austin	7 th August 2010	16

Induction ceremonies were at

a. Dallas	7 th August 2010	11
a. San Antonio	7 th August 2010	6
b. San Francisco	7 th August 2010	7
c. New York	14 th August 2010	12
d. Houston	21 st August 2010	10
e. Princeton	28 th August 2010	7
f. New Haven	28 th August 2010	1
g. Cherry Hill	28 th August 2010	1
h. Philadelphia	4 th September 2010	8
i. Princeton Junction	11 th September 2010	9
j. Chicago	11 th September 2010	6
k. Boston	18 th September 2010	25
l. Washington	25 th September 2010	7

m. Warri	6 th November 2010	7
n. Lagos	6 th November 2010	4
o. Onitsha	11 th December 2010	8
p. Makurdi	11 th December 2010	<u>1</u>
Total numbers inducted in 2010		<u>161</u> New members

Total membership of Peoples Club of Nigeria International as at 13th December, 2010 stands at 2,268

3. NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN EXISTENCE

NIGERIAN BRANCHES	-	22
USA / CANADA	-	21
EUROPE	-	<u>1</u>
Total branches		<u>44</u> (forty-four)

These are the numerical strength of branches as at 13th December 2010

1. ABA	=	83	2. ABAKALIKI	=	137
3. ABUJA	=	33	4. ASABA	=	36
5. AWKA	=	47	6. ARLINTON	=	41
7. ATLANTA	=	42	8. AUSTIN	=	23
9. BAUCHI	=	47	10. BENIN	=	10
11. BOSTON	=	90	12. CHERRY HILL	=	21
13. CALABAR	=	18	14. CHICAGO	=	39
15. DALLAS	=	65	16. ENUGU	=	93
17. GALVESTON	=	58	18. HOUSTON	=	81 ✓
19. IBADAN	=	18	20. JOS	=	54
21. KADUNA	=	52	22. KANO	=	124
23. LAGOS	=	88	24. LONDON	=	54
25. LOS ANGELES	=	53	26. MAIDUGURI	=	36
27. MAKURDI	=	27	28. MIAMI	=	28
29. NEW HAVEN	=	46	30. NEW YORK	=	67 ✓
31. NNEWI	=	33	32. ONITSHA	=	152
33. ORLU	=	19	34. OWERRI	=	36
35. PHILADELPHIA	=	50	36. PORT-HARCOURT	=	73
37. PRINCETON	=	64	38. PRINCENTON JUNCTION	=	29
39. SAN FRANCISCO	=	27	40. SAN ANTONIO	=	34
41. TORONTO	=	27	42. VIRGINIA BEACH	=	18
43. WARRI	=	54	44. WASHINGTON D.C	=	41

4. PARTONSHIP INSTALLATION:

Chief Dr. Iddi Ambrose Mgbako was installed Patron Peoples Club of Nigeria on the 29th May 2010 at his home town Enugwu – Ukwu. The installation ceremony was well attended by members and other well wishers.

The number of Patrons in the register of Patron alive remains 20 members.

5. DEATH:

During the period under review (73) members transited into Glory

- a. Late Patron Chief A.O.Okaro died on the 31st January 2010 and buried on the 16th April 2010.
- b. Late Patron Chief Mangrover Okonkwo transited into Glory on 28th March 2010 and was buried on the 27th May 2010.
- c. Late Patron Chief H.N.Ugwunze died on the 17th July 2010 and was committed to mother earth on the 19th Nov 2010.
- d. Late Chief Barr Chris Onubuogu (Legal Adviser) died on 5th June 2010 and was buried on 29th July 2010.

e. LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS AND THEIR BRANCHES –

<u>ABA BRANCH (12)</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>DATE BURIED</u>
1. Mrs Christian Durujiaku	Okwelle	05 / 04 / 10
2. Chief Francis Okoma	Awo Idemili Orsu LGA	16 / 03 / 10
3. Chief S.O.E.Ezeobi	Ezinifite	25 / 02 / 10
4. Lady Grace Okeke	Adazi – Ani	11 / 06 / 10
5. Chief Frank Ezepue	Oraifite	19 / 02 / 10
6. Elder S.O.Odife	Ihiala	03 / 07 / 10
7. Chief Max. U. Onyedire	Mbano	30 / 07 / 10
8. Chief G.C.Akpunonu	Umuauka otolo-Nnewi	19 / 08 / 10
9. Mrs Kate Obi	Isiala Mbano	14 / 06 / 10
10. Elder Ihejirika Nwachukwu	Ahaba Imenye	29 / 05 / 10
11. Chief Edwin E.Okoye	Umueri	15 / 10 / 10
12. Sir Innocent Okafor	Oraifite	29 / 09 / 10

ABAKALIKI BRANCH (6)

1. Chief A.N.Onyeghili	Aguluzigbi, Aniocha	28 / 01 / 10
2. Chief J.O.Ofojebe	Umuabu, Adazi	08 / 04 / 10
3. Chief A.O.Nnajofofor	Ugwu-Olile	23 / 04 / 10
4. Sir J.O.Nwankwo	Arondizogu	23 / 07 / 10
5. Mrs Onwuekwe Christiana E.	Ozubulu Egbema	06 / 08 / 10
6. Chief P.O.Igwe	Ichida	29 / 10 / 10

ABUJA BRANCH (1)

1. Chief Patrick N. Mozie	Oba	05 / 01 / 10
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ASABA BRANCH (3)

1. Chief G.I.Nwano	Ozubulu	05 / 03 / 10
2. Mrs. Beatrice Oguh		14 / 07 / 10
3. Mrs. Phina Anwadike	Aboh Ndokwa	01 / 08 / 10

2.Chief Ambrose I Ofodile	Eziowelle	06/ 01/ 11
<u>NNEWI BRANCH (4)</u>		
1. Chief Michael Oranusi	Uruagu Nnewi	04 / 02 / 10
2. Chief Augustine Ezeagwuna	Oraifite	26 / 02 / 10
3. Chief Benneth Egbuna	Nnewi	25 / 06 / 10
4. Chief Hilary .C.Nwosu	Obiuno, otolo	14 /10 / 10
<u>ONITSHA BRANCH (10)</u>		
1. Chief Paul Eziokwu	Umunamehi ,Ihiala	07 / 01 / 10
2. Mrs Angela Oguamanam	Umualum, Abba	29 / 01 / 10
3. Chief Patron A.O.Okaro	Abagana	16 / 04 / 10
4. HRH Igwe P.N.Nwankwo	Adazi – Ani	07 / 04 / 10
5. Chief Patrick Aghanwa	Iyenu – Ogidi	08 / 04 / 10
6. Chief V.N.Nnoye	Isiekwulu, Ukpo	08 / 04 / 10
7. Mrs Juliana Obiakor	Umuoji	06 / 05 / 10
8. Patron Mangrov G.A.Okonkwo	Umuoji	27 / 05 / 10
9. Chief Patron H.N.Ugwunze	Oba	19 / 11 / 10
10. Mrs Scholastica V. Eselu	Abacha	22 / 10 / 10
<u>ORLU BRANCH (3)</u>		
1. Mrs Ngozi Obiwuru	Umudioka	12 / 02 / 10
2. Sir Bernard N.Dunu	Nise	23 / 07 / 10
3. Chief Cyprain Ulogu	Eziawa	14 / 10 / 10
<u>OWERRI BRANCH (4)</u>		
1. Nze S.C.A.Egejuru	Egbeada, Ubomiri	/ 12 / 09
2.Chief Alphonsus B.C.Oriaku	Orji, Uratta	18 / 01 / 10
3. Chief O.O.Uwaezuoke	Amaadugba	29 / 05 / 10
4. Mrs Jetrude Nwafor	Ogwa – Mbaitoli	05 / 08 / 10
<u>PORT-HARCOURT (2)</u>		
1. Chief A.A.Chinda	Rumuokwuta	26 / 03 / 10
2. Chief C.I.Onubogu	Obeledu	05 / 06 / 10
<u>HOUSTON BRANCH (1)</u>		
1.Chief Elias Onwudiegwu	Oko	20 / 03 / 10
<u>GALVESTON BRANCH (1)</u>		
1. Mr. Willie Okolie		26 / 09 / 10
<u>SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH (1)</u>		
1. Mrs. Justina Iroka	Umuobom, Mbieri	17 / 09 / 10

6. ILLEGAL BRANCH OPERATING IN NEW JERSEY “NEW BRUNSWICK BRANCH”:

Reports reaching the Headquarters indicate that some disgruntled and non financially up to members of Princeton branch, had illegally constituted and chartered themselves as a branch of Peoples Club of Nigeria International.

The Governing Council had met and directed our revered Patron Chief Dr. Iddi Ambrose Mgbako to take any action dimmed necessary to stop the activities of these bad eggs.

All branches both in USA and Nigeria are advised not to have anything to do with the so called New Brunswick branch and its members.

The headquarters will soon publish in the Peoples Club website the names of these unrepentant / expelled persons.

7. SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME:

The clamor for increase in death benefit and SSS dues was taken care of at the Oct 2010 Central Executive Committee Meeting. The Meeting decided that the issue be shelved until next year for proper review.

The Management Committee urges Chairmen, Secretaries and branch Exco; to remit the scheme dues / nominal roll early enough for proper Management. As of date, no death benefit is outstanding.

8. COURT CASES:

(a). AWKA: The case instituted by Chief Eddy Igwah at the fed high court is still on, this is the 7th year, the plaintiff had refused to see reason and withdraw the action.

Although, Chief Eddy Igwah had been expelled from the Club, Peoples Club of Nigeria shall continue to attend to the matter until Judgment is delivered.

(b). UMUAHIA: This is a case of contempt against Chief Eddy Igwah. The matter is still on at the Umuahia High Court.

9. CONSTITUTION REVIEW: The Committee set up to handle the review of our Constitution is still at work. The Committee is at stage of harmonizing all inputs received both from Nigeria and oversea branches including memorandas received from members.

The Committee activities was slowed down owing to the death of her Chairman Late Barr.Chief Chris Onubuogu. A new Chairman in the person of Barr A.E. Enumah has been appointed to head the Committee.

10. INFRASTRUTURAL DEVELOPMENT: During the year, the Management Committee initiated and conclude these development projects, while some are near completion. Amongst these worthy of mention includes:

- A. Completed flooring of frontage of blocks "A and B" of the guest houses of Peoples Club of Nigeria international.
- B. Purchase six (6) industrial fan (Ox brand) for use at the main hall of the Club.
- C. Purchase 50 trips of sharp sand for molding blocks for the proposed staff quarters construction at the Headquarters.
- D. Awarded contract for tarring of the Clubs access road.
- E. Embarked on complete rehabilitation of 14 rooms in block "A" guest house, each with new metal doors, A/C, TV, Fridges, Chair, Table, Beds and rooms / toilet tiled.
Also purchase of plumbing materials for use in the renovation.
- F. Embarked on renovation replacement of seats at the main bar with drinking table to march.
- H. Completes renovation of the kitchen and re – roofing same with aluminum roofing sheets.
- I. Painting of the Headquarters premises, bush bar, fencing etc.

Other achievement include:

- i. RE – Fixed N5m in a fixed deposit account with First Bank of Nig. Plc.
- ii. Filed annual returns for the Club from year 2002 to 2010 at corporate affairs commission Abuja as required by Law.
- iii. Repaired and serviced Peoples Club of Nig International damaged electric transformer at the headquarters premises.
- iv. Paid house rent of Junior Staff quarters for the year 2010.
- v. Attended induction of new members ceremonies at our branches in USA and Nigeria.
- vi. Attended to burial ceremonies of all our Late Patrons, including arranging for their remain to be brought to the headquarters for paying our Last respect.
- vii. Commission a sculptor, Mr. Ekwenchi to produce busts of the six founding trustees for erection at the main hall.
- viii. Proper communication and liaison were maintained with all the branches both in Nigeria and overseas during the period.

10. TRUSTEES REGISTRATION WITH COPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The process is still on and is nearing completion. There were some hurdles that slowed down the registration, but these had been taken care of.

11. FAILED PEOPLES CLUB OF NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK FUNDS:

The Club is still waiting for judgment in the case instituted by the former President Chief Eddy Igwah against the Club.

Union Bank Plc, where these funds are trapped had refused to allow access until the Court directs it. Members who are expecting their refund, should please bear with the Club.

12. CONCLUSION:

Looking back from where we were, seven years ago, when the Management Committee came into office, one would only but show a sigh of relief that at least there is light at the end of the march.

The development, number of new branches, refurbishments and membership growth and all that make Peoples Club of Nigeria International thick calls for support.

It therefore behooves of every member to show commitment to Peoples Club of Nigeria International aims and objectives, so that our common interest could be protected anywhere our branches are located.

Let us see ourselves as partners in the advancement of Peoples Progressive march to development.

The Spirit of clubbing should be felt pervading the nooks and crannies, and in the occupation of our members.

Let us support the Management Committee at the Headquarters inturning things around for a better and more prosperous social outfit – Peoples Club of Nigeria International.

I sincerely thank you for your patience and attention.

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