

JN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. ANNE CHINYERE UKENYE LAWAL

From: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com [mailto:exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Egbe Monjimbo
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 11:26 PM
To: exssa_mal@yahoogroups.com; exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
Cc: ex-sakerusa@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [exsa_usa] **WHY SHE WILL BE MISSED ... IN HER OWN WORDS!!!**

My Dear Sisters!

Just thought, on the eve of Sister ChiChi's wake, that it would be fitting to shine the light on her person, as a reminder to us all – especially those who never had the privilege of meeting her in person, of the simply WONDERFUL person she was. Could not think of a better way to do that, - to open a window into the kind of person she was and the sort of life she led, than to simply delve into my archives and repost some of her own writings, UNEDITED, on our forum, some dating as far back as 2009! QUITE A READ, I must say, especially the last one, which has turned out to be eerily “PROPHETIC”, since she might as well have been talking about herself!

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE, and MAY GOD GRANT ALL OF US WHO PLAN ON BIDDING HER GOODNIGHT IN PERSON A SAFE TRIP TO HOUSTON & BACK!

God Bless,

Egbe Mbiwan Monjimbo

(Teary-eyed in Charlotte, NC, and trying to find my Blue Coconut Uniform ahead of the trip to Houston!)

THE DEDICATED, DEVOTED, DIE-HARD MAL & ExSSA-USA MEMBER ...!

From: ChiChi Ukenye
[mailto:anneukenye@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2009 5:58 PM

To: egbe monjimbo

Subject: MAL DUES!!!

Egbe Mami,

How now! Da we MAL Dues na how much abeg? And na for which address we di mailam to, or we fit pay with card over the internet? Please keep me posted. I no wan leb oh! Thanks for the great jod you are doing with MAL, promoting and using us to LANGA the rest of the group, and overall keeping the whole group going, laughing. I for one look forward to your mail even though I do not partake of the Njakri. Keep up the good work, Say me well to your family.

Stay blessed1

ChiChi

Date: Thu, 6 Aug 2009 09:32:38 -0700

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: **Explaining my MIA(missing in action) tendencies to the Saker mamarrazzi!!!** EGBE

To: emonjimbo@msn.com

CC: exsa_usa@yahoogleroups.com

My Darling Egbe,

It was and still is such a pleasure seeing you after a year. The year went by so fast. You made it quite enjoyable with your 'mamarrazzi' writing, you keep me going, I echo the sentiments of Ruth and other sisters who feel same. Please keep it going this year; I already see the continuity.

I had really intended to get to know you and be with you more (even though you are not my Secret Sister), introduce you to my 'famille' as they hear me laugh everyday as I read your writings; at the DC Tour, Gala, Church and Picnic but it was not possible due my "MIA" - 'missing in action' tendencies in these last events which I will explain in the next paragraph.

You know Mammie I had come down to DC for two conventions which happen to be in the same weekend and the same area. One, The Cardinal Convention (the wholesaler who supplies our

business, who also holds annual conventions), and the other our one and only lovely Saker Annual Convention. Initially when I found out that both conventions were in Washington I was really excited that I was going to kill two birds with one stone; my dear, that was not the case. Little did I know what I was getting into.

It was not easy juggling the two events' schedules which ran concurrently {the CE classes, the trade shows(with over 200 exhibitors), the DC tours and other activities at the Cardinal} then on the other hand the {choir practice(as I always like to sing in the choir), the DC tour, the picnic, the church}, running between the two hotels in two different cities and different states: The Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Oxen Hill MD, and our Crystal Gateway Marriott, in Arlington VA. To crown it all this used to be my base so a lot of friends and family members.

Some things just had to give, which I did grudgingly, especially meeting with my 'not so secret sister' and introducing you to my family who had wanted to meet you so badly.

The DC Divas do "ndon"!!!! It was something else!! Sussie and team both thumbs up!!! If I had 4 thumbs I will put them all up!! Dr J your assistance to the group never goes unnoticed. You are fabulous!! The skit at the Common Meal, took me way back to Saker, many years back, the meal itself(the ekwang was good, I had not had some in a while). NEC and its executives; Sister Ndedi, our outgoing President and cabinet, 'we greet you we salute you.' You did beautifully well during your tenor. Our incoming President, Sister Esther and cabinet, 'we welcome you we salute you' We know it will only get even better with you and your regime. All my guests had so much fun and were proud of the Saker girls and what we stand for. Ms Binder and Mrs Ewanga; sitting with them on the same table was such a great honor.

Everything was so good, the choir, Sister Chinwe and Anita's angelic solos(my Ibo sisters, do not hate!!!!). The food, the fashion show, the dance performances(Mboa Sawa O America & Balafon), the DC divas fuscha dresses, with different unique styles, our Saker Uniform(I like the style, it hides everything for us "big" girls, mine looked soooo good on me. Our Namibian sister, Ndeshi and her admirable story. Our sister from Abuja whom we grabbed at the last minute to beat the drum for us at the choir, and she did such a good job with Rosemary. We missed Sister Nene from Abuja this year, as well as Dr Hannah Eposi Litumbe Mbako from England. We missed my boh Lady Melisse also.

Not to talk of the program with oldtime pictures, I really liked seeing myself in that picture with Mary, our sexy long legs. I had lost my copy a long time ago; now I have one to replace it. Thanks Mary, I know you have a lot more, I am coming to borrow them and make copies.

I will still continue to cherish you ladies and pray for you and your families. Keep up the good work! You rock Saker Girls!!!! I am really proud to be a part of a group of ladies like this. My husband was also very excited, may be you all will also have him 'moa money'.
Stay blessed!

Your Never Been Secret Sister
ChiChi

NB: Guess who my Secret Sister was who did all of those kind deeds to me before the convention! None other than my lovely Didi Ndando. And my Secret Sister who did not know me is Sister Regine Efeti Ojongtambia. Thank you Sis Genevive and The DC Divas for this graet idea. I love it!!

Ann C. Ukenye Lawal

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MM Foundation

--- On Sat, 6/12/10, Egbe Monjimbo <emonjimbo@msn.com> wrote:

From: Egbe Monjimbo <emonjimbo@msn.com>

Subject: HOW NA, SIS?

To: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010, 5:52 AM

Dearest Sister ChiChi,

E don really stay oh! You were not present at the last phone conference – which is RARE, and then I haven't seen an email from you in quite a while. Worst of all, I haven't yet seen your name on the list of Registered Members for the Convention!!!! Ah beg no make man e heart cut oh!!! I hope all is well with you and the family!

God Bless,

Egbe

Date: Sat, 12 Jun 2010 11:04:58 -0700

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: HOW NA, SIS?

To: emonjimbo@msn.com

Egbe my pikin,

Mami, tin we i pass me meetop me; really luck mop! E really gimme big big luck mop sooh teeh a nofit write, let alone talk!! No bi small tin. Nob i na dis hospital weh a go

build for Umuanya village for Umuahia (Thank God oh!!! I am not being ungrateful nor blaming the blessing that God has endowed upon us!!!), na i don make me a de go miss convention- Houston convention for that matter!!!. I don try all kind magic, manipulation of numbers, manipulation of dates, plus including conjuring of dates and schedules to make me attend the convention, but no way to way!! Nothing works! Na e make you never hear my voice oh, nor see my writing! I have been brooding and leaking my wounds!!! I

For the conference call, my phone was acting up, and normally I would call or write to "explain myself" Thanks for noticing, caring, and checking!! This will not stop me from rehearsing with the choir online.

I tell the story grudgingly, painfully, and in tears!!!! I travel to Nigeria on the 3rd of August, to go dedicate some equipment for the hospital and officially start seeing patients by the Grace of God. I will be gone for just two and a half weeks as I need to be back in time enough for the "Back-to-school Fall season (Peak time for our business).

I hope say a go fit sleep as a dey for Naija, as I dream away the activities and events of the convention, swallowing spit. I don't want to come out clean with this topic on the Exssa group mail forum, for fear of hurting some more, and probably suffering from a massive "broken heart" attack!! Let me just be managing the mild "broken heart" attack I have now Just have me in your prayers!!!!

Stay blessed!
ChiChi

Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 03:23:23 -0700
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: FW: [exssa_mal] PARIS - L'APERITIF!!
To: emonjimbo@msn.com

Eh! Ma Egbe,
Thank you soooo much. I look picture them soteh a belle full. Tory sweet soteh tief man laugh for banda. I thoroughly enjoyed myself viewing the pictures. With all the captions I felt present at the convention.
Again, thanks and God bless!
ChiChi

ALWAYS WILLING TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ...!!!! (She's referring here to MAL's BOOK DRIVE & "NJANGI")

To: exssa_mal@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Fri, 27 Nov 2009 09:20:51 -0800
Subject: Re: [exssa_mal] SIGN UP UPDATE: 11/26/09

Count me in for both Oh! Have not checked my mail in a while. Hope y'all had a nice Thanksgiving Holiday!
Stay blessed!
ChiChi

ALWAYS HAPPY FOR OTHERS ...! (Rejoicing with Sister Roseline over her daughter's safety, following an accident)

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Tue, 2 Feb 2010 02:55:50 -0800
Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] Prayers and Thanksgiving for Mbang Ngaa (Sister Roseline Ngaa's daughter)

Roseline Mammie,
We really thank God!
ChiChi

To: EX-SakerUSA@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Sun, 9 Jan 2011 07:51:01 -0800
Subject: Re: [EX-SakerUSA] THE BRIDE HAS LANDED (WEDDING PICTURES)!!!!

My Dear Mojoko,

Wow! The pictures say it all! I could feel the the sense of fulfillment, completion, joy, love, as the laughter shows; joy exuding from your heart as it radiates in your smile!

Congratulations to you, your hubby, and your families! I wish you all the good things of marriage, as you enjoy these latter years!! Shalom!

Stay blessed!

ChiChi 

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:59:37 -0700

Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] SPECIAL INVITATION FOR A SPECIAL GROUP

Wow!!!

Nkiru the Lord has done it! What a joy! Infact I would have liked to be there, to be a part of this joyous ocaasion, but Chuka, my son graduates the same day from Townson University, Towson, Maryland, with a double Major in Marketing and eBusiness. Nevertheless we shall enjoy it! To God be the Glory! I seize this opportunity congratulate every 2011 graduating Saker CARAT and their family, and God bless!

Again congratulations and tell Dr Berri we are proud of her. "Ezigbo Nwa!"

Lots of love.

Aunty ChiChi 

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 2011 04:11:18 -0700

Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] RE: Many, Many Thanks.

Patience My Dear,

Thank God for healing, and I am glad you are feasting on it, because "healing is the children's bread" the Word says. Praise God, Glory be to Him for everything.

I am very happy you bounced back.

Stay blessed!

ChiChi

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Tue, 23 Aug 2011 17:07:42 -0700
Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] EarthQuake in the DC / Virginia Area????

Mary, and all in the East coast, we thank God!

Stay blessed!

ChiChi

EXEMPLARY PHILANTHROPIST & HUMANITARIAN ...!

To: familyinunity@yahoogroups.com; exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com; exssa_mal@yahoogroups.com; exsa-usachoir@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2010 12:56:07 -0700
Subject: [exsa_usa] MMARAIHE MEMORIAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL & ORPHANAGE IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN!!! [26 Attachments]

[\[Attachment\(s\) from ChiChi Ukenye included below\]](#)

Dear Family and Friends of MM Foundation,

We are back from a hectic, yet exciting Nigerian trip where we officially opened the Mmaraihe Memorial Cottage Hospital and Orphanage. It was a memorable and epoch-making event, as noted by the head of the community, Eze Asumugha, The Anya I of Umuanya. He stated, "this is the first of its kind in this needy village, the first of its kind in Umuahia, in fact, the first of its kind in Abia State, that a woman has single-handedly with her husband, come back to her birth home to construct and render a deed of kindness of such great magnitude."

It is with great humility that I accept such honor and accolade, as the entire honor goes to The One Above, without whom my husband and I would not have been able to accomplish and achieve this for the community. It is obvious that God's hand is in the whole affair, as everyone who spoke at the event, talked about the hospital/orphanage as a "miracle center" where people will not just be healed physically, but spiritually as well.

As usual with many of our activities pertaining to the MM Foundation, we had a health fair, which was overwhelmingly attended, as it depicts the dire need of the community for such a health institution. There was plenty to eat and drink, many cultural activities, including masterful traditional dances and songs by the Umuanya Women.

The institution is now declared officially opened, and we continue to work tirelessly to furnish and equip the hospital and orphanage. Though the institution may be in the interiors of a primitive village, I still have a dream of it being a teaching institution hospital someday in the near future.

Based upon this dream, I now invite all of the family, friends, and supporters of MM Foundation to pledge your continued support by way of donation; including medical equipment, supplies, medications, or finances needed to furnish and run the institution. Ultimately, your prayers as usual and customary count the most.

Stay blessed!

ChiChi

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READY & WILLING TO OFFER PRAISE WHEN IT IS DUE ...!

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 14 Jul 2011 15:54:56 -0700

Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] My new video

Beautiful video Nwannem Anita! Both in words and in act! I echo DL's sentiments. What a blessing my dear!

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 12 Jun 2010 11:49:51 -0700

Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] The new Queen Mother is a Sakerette!

Boh My Darling,
I echo your sentiments:

"Congratulations Mafor!

A prestigious honor for a truly deserving lady!

We stand so proud of you."

I also see potential nchindas, drunk with excitement!!!
Here's truly to even greater things ahead, Mafor!

Cheers and stay blessed!

ChiChi 

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, 20 Jun 2011 05:31:08 -0700
Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] Congratulations LaBelle

LaBelle, Lady, & Daw-Daw,

Congratulations on a job well done!!!! LaBelle, you have made us proud, and may the good Lord continue to make you shine like the star that you are!

Y'all stay blessed!

ChiChi 

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To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Sun, 28 Mar 2010 19:25:05 -0700
Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] Houston Health Fair 2010 Preview

Dr J,

I echo your sentiments on this great leadership team, stemming from our national president, Rev. Esther Gadpaille for her great vision for EXSSA USA, to the ExSSA USA National Executive (NEC), and above all, to the EXSSA Houston President, Dr. Rachel K. Tita and her team of devoted EXSSANs for executing this vision.

Thank you ladies, we cannot thank you enough. We could not have chosen a better venue to begin our "community outreach" project.

This is indeed a mile stone in our growth as EXSSA-USA.

Stay blessed y'all.

ChiChi 

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, 27 May 2010 17:57:18 -0700
Subject: RE: [exsa_usa] CONGRATULATIONS CONGRATULATIONS CONGRATULATIONS

Awesome!


Endum and Valerie, you have done us proud. Congratulations to you and to your supportive parents. God's blessings always.

Love,

ChiChi 

SYMPATHIZING WITH A SISTER'S LOSS ...!

To: exsa_usa@yahogroups.com
From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Tue, 4 May 2010 07:28:32 -0700
Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] RIP: PROF. MARTIN Z NJEUMA MEMORIAL WEBSITE

Lady Kate,
Please accept my most sincere sympathy.
May the Good Lord who knows how best to comfort, comfort you and your entire family for this great loss.
Stay blessed!
ChiChi 

ALWAYS INVITING ALL AND SUNDRY TO SHARE IN HER JOYS ...!

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com
Date: Thu, 27 May 2010 17:45:19 -0700
Subject: [exssa_mal] Fw: [familyinunity] WEDDING INVITATION [1 Attachment]

[[Attachment\(s\)](#) from ChiChi Ukenye included below]

Dear friends and family,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join me at the celebration of my brother's marriage at the Evangel Cathedral, Maryland; reception follows immediately after at the Heritage Room in Maryland as well, on Saturday the 24th of July 2010.

Please see attached the invitation for full details.

See you at the celebration!

Stay blessed!

ChiChi 

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BIG THANKS!! ChiChi's Grad Party For CHUKA DAVID

Mon, Jun 27, 2011 from 7:00 PM
to Tue, Jun 28, 2011 at 7:00 AM

WHERE:

Oxford Event Center
9700 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy, Suite A-1
Lanham MD 20706

WILL YOU ATTEND?

ALWAYS EXCEEDINGLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERY LITTLE ACT OF KINDNESS SHOWN ...!

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com; exsa-usachoir@yahoogroups.com; exssa_mal@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 4 Jun 2011 14:30:26 -0700

Subject: [exsa-usachoir] Fw: CHUKA'S GRADUATION!!!! [4 Attachments]

[[Attachment\(s\)](#) from ChiChi Ukenye included below]

Hello Friends,

Here are some of Chuka's Graduation Pictures!!!! To God Be the GLORY!!!!

But talk about Sisterhood and Great Ambassadorship!!!!

Chuka, my family, and I received it last weekened from my two Saker sisters, none other than Sister Genevive Ndando and Didi Ndando. They both appeared at the graduation dinner, with Didi coming straight from the airport. Boy! I was pleasantly surprised, felt like I belonged, and felt quite loved. My family members kept saying this is what sisterhood is all about; and I say the same.

Sister Vivi and Didi, thank you so much.

Roseline Ngaaji, thank you also for your thoughts of stopping by despite your packed schedule.

Saker Sisters, keep up the friendship and sisterhood.

Stay blessed!

ChiChi 

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MOTHER HEN ...!!!

Date: Sat, 16 Jul 2011 06:55:47 -0700

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Subject: I AUDITIONED FOR AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL [ANTM]; PLEASE VOTE FOR ME!!!

To: emonjimbo@msn.com

My Dear Egbe

How are you, family, and work? I believe all is well. Again, and as usual, I want to seize this opportunity to let you know I appreciate all you do with your words and writing in the Saker group. You make my day each time I read your write-ups.

Another favor I will like to ask of you is on the attached pictures and the notes below. It is the photo shoot pictures of my daughter Opuruiche (Opy) and her passion for modeling. She auditioned for the Tyra Banks' AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (ANTM) show, and needs all the vote she can get. Please do the best you can to help me help her by announcing and promoting this with the group. Below is my letter and her request for our vote.

Best regards and God's blessings!

Stay blessed!

ChiChi 

Ann Chinyere Ukenye Lawal

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LITTLE DID SHE KNOW ... HOW "PROPHETIC"!!!

To: exsa_usa@yahoogroups.com

From: anneukenye@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 12:28:59 -0700

Subject: Re: [exsa_usa] WHAT A LADY, WHAT A LIFE, WHAT AN IMPACT! (RIP AUNTY MEG)

Egbe our Noble Scribe, and My Dear Saker Sisters,

I was rushing to come back from Nigeria to hear all the "langa throat" stories of the Convention, only to be met with this sad news of the loss of our Darling Sister, Sister Meg. I will not say "what a waste," because her life was not in the least a waste, as eloquently described, and picture-perfect-painted by our noble scribe - Egbe. We miss her presence dearly, but the memories of her good deeds as a mother, a wife, a community leader, a "nyanga" woman, a "book" woman, and ultimately as a woman servant of God who truly loves the Lord still lingers.

Sister Meg, we love you, we miss you!

ChiChi Lawal 🌹🙄🌹