



The Sierra Leone Grammar School

Alumni Association of North America

October 24th 2011

Dear Regentonian:

I bring you greetings from the Washington D.C Metro Area Branch, the Principal of SLGS, the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Freetown and the members of the Board of Directors of the School. Highlighted below are a few updates.

School and New Building:

The school continues to make steady progress. The construction of the new Building that will house the Computer Lab, Library and additional classrooms is nearing completion. The administration is still looking for ways of providing furniture for this building. We are looking at the possibility of shipping a set of 20 new desk/chair donated to the alumni Association by a long time supporter, Ms. Vida During, if shipping costs permits. Any other form of assistance, monetary or material, will be appreciated. Donations from the October 15th 2011 Solar Power Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the \$46,429 Solar Electricity System for the above building continues to trickle in. 100% of your donations will go towards this system. If you have not sent in your donations or turned in your cards, please do so now.

The US Department of Defense over the past two months donated a large number of used computers (less than two years old Desk Tops, Lap Tops, Printers and Servers) to our association. Thanks to the extra ordinary effort of a young Regentonian, Gerald Cline-Cole. These computers are currently being serviced and adapted for use in the School, following which they will be shipped to Freetown. When shipped, the school will have enough computers to equip the Computer Lab, the Library, the Science Lab, the Administrative Building and any other area of need. The monetary and strategic value of this donation is unparalleled in the history of this organization. We are very grateful to Gerald for this invaluable lead. We encourage alumni to keep their eyes open and engage their network of friends and organizations to help promote the mission of the SLGSAANA.

Other Chapters:

The South-East and the West-Coast Chapters continue to mature and broaden the Regentonian network so as to position the organization to better support the school. The West-Coast Chapter will hold its' Solar Power Sponsored Walk in California, on Saturday Nov. 12 2011 whilst the South-East Chapter will have theirs in the spring of 2012. The South-East Chapter will be holding its Annual Fund-raising Dance on Nov 5th 2011 in Atlanta GA. For more information about Chapter activities, please visit the Web Site: www.Regentonians-na.org.

"Paying Back the Gift" Endowment Campaign 2007-2012:

We are currently in our fifth and final year of campaign. As of September 2011, we had collected \$27,234 in pledges and accrued interests. Please send in your contribution/pledges to the Treasurer, Mr. Alex Williams, 12009 Benjamin St, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Scholarships and Support:

Approved appropriations for the 2011/2012 year to the tune of \$23,170 are highlighted below. Included in this data are the three main categories of Scholarship Sponsorships: 1. **General Fund Scholarship** 2.

Individual Alumni Scholarship and 3. **Regentonian Family Group Scholarship**. Individual and Group Scholarship sponsorships are becoming increasingly important support to the school and serves to foster competitiveness among pupils.

1. Principals Stipend	\$1000
2. Vice-Principals Stipend	\$250
3. Teacher of the year Award	\$150
4. Science Head Teacher Stipend	\$200
5. Christmas Gift to Academic & Administrative Staff	\$5,000
6. General Funds Scholarship award for 15 students @ \$400 per student	\$6,000
7. Individual Alumnus Scholarship for 2 students By Dr James Allan	\$770
8. Individual Alumnus Scholarship for 2 students by Dr. Khalid Akkari	\$600
9. Individual Alumnus Sponsorship for 5 students by Dr Radcliffe Thomas	\$1,500
10. Regentonian-Family Group Scholarship for 20 students @ \$385/student	\$7,700
Total	<u>\$23,170</u>

The "Regentonian Family Group Scholarship" launched two years ago as an annual alumni/supporters sponsorship group with a goal of 20 scholarship sponsors (doubling the current General Fund Scholarships) in its first year, continues to do well with your help. Thank you very much. From the tabulation above, we raised \$7,700 for the 2011/2012 year. I am again asking for your support as we begin to solicit funds for the 2012/2013 academic year at \$385 per student. Our target for 2012/2013 is 20 Scholarships. Those Regentonians who were unable to participate last year please consider participating this year. It is flexible in that Regentonians can sponsor a student for a year only (or every year if their financial situation permits). The idea is that if sponsorship is staggered or spread among a large pool of alumni, it will be more affordable. This need based scholarship is designed to benefit a larger number of students than the General Fund Scholarship. We also encourage Regentonians to establish Scholarships in memory of loved ones, friends or mentors.

Annual Thanksgiving Service:


I thank all Regentonians for their support at our 166th Annual Thanksgiving Service at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, 1700 Powder Mill Rd, Silver Spring Maryland on March 27th 2011. It was quite a success. We were able to raise a net of \$8,262.

Annual Fund-Raising Dance:

Another year has quickly sped by and it is time for our Annual Fund-raising Dance. Last years' dance was a very successful one. Thank you very much for your support. This years' dance is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 26th November 2011 at the Ukrainian National Shrine Banquet Hall, 4250 Harewood Road, NE, Washington D.C 20017 at 8pm. Enclosed, you will find 2 tickets at the cost of \$40 per ticket and a flyer.

Please continue to support your alma mater. If for any reason you cannot make it to the dance, or you live outside the Washington D.C Metropolitan Area, please send your donations to SLGSAANA, PO Box 7324, Langley Park, MD 20787.

I wish you and your family a pleasant holiday season in advance.

Sincerely, 
Dr. Radcliffe M Thomas,
President, SLGSAANA, Washington D.C Metro Area Branch