HIS ROYAL MAJESTY ALAYELUA
the “OKITI OF IJU”

Oba Amos Adelakun Farukanmi
Congratulates all Iju Sons and Daughters on this great day of celebration.
OPENING REMARKS &
A BRIEF HISTORY OF IJU

BY MR. GABRIEL WALE AKINWALE

Iju (UJU) a town that is situated halfway between two famous Yoruba towns and currently two state capitals: Akure of Ondo State and Ado Ekiti of Ekiti State. This town Iju, the name that I personally translated to mean “Greater, Bigger, Better, higher or Elder” has been in the limelight because of the location and her people from the onset.
There were seven quarters of people from various places that fused to one to become IJU; In the beginning, IJU, for the kindness, hospitality and tolerance of the people grew fast with people from all over the Country. The town has been blessed with good fertile soil and strong people who are mostly farmers, in the production of cocoa, yam, and lately, rice, although in a peasant manner.

The location of Iju, made it possible for the indigene to receive Christianity much earlier than some other towns; this has been the root of their love for education which became a competition among the people. Record shows that the town produced the first Black University Registrar (Chief N. K. Adamolekun), in West Africa, even in the entire Africa South of Sahara. It is also, on record that one of the first Veterinary Doctor in Nigeria (Dr. Ogunbuyide), was from the town and many more in different fields of expertise.
Furthermore, they have also produced two Nigerian senators and other political positions because of their love for education, although we still have pocket houses without a college graduate; with the community life of the people, they do not wait for government for their general needs. Their primary schools were started by Christian mission, they communally contributed and started their first grammar school with their neighboring town. Later came series of grammar schools by various groups.

Also, because of their unity and community life the people came together and their electricity was commissioned in 1974, where only few capital cities have electricity in the area. Political situation in the country never improved the life of the people, we the Sons and Daughters of Iju town in America have taken it upon ourselves to assist our people with grassroots developments.
Equally, the Iju-Club USA, has taken the project of providing clean drinkable water for the people of our town a priority, to alleviate their poor standard of living and this has been a milestone achievement. This Project in Borehole water have been a success but still need a form of expansion to further our coverage in the community.
This is one of the reasons, why we invited our friends for assistance in any way convenient; your assistance mean a lot to the life of our people and we pray that God will reward you accordingly and pay you back in multiple folds, Amen.

We thank you very much and you are all welcome.

GABRIEL WALE AKINWALE, Chicago Chapter President
Iju Club USA, Patron
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2017 National Convention Organizing Chairperson
Mr. Ibukun Olowomeye
SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

All Day:
Arrival of Iju Sons, Daughters, and Guests

Venue:
Super 8, Aurora
4228 Longmeadow Drive
Aurora, IL 60504

6:00pm - 10:00pm:
Meet and Greet at the Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

7:00am - 8:30am:
Breakfast

9:00am – 3:00pm:
General Meeting

12Noon - 1:30pm:
Lunch

7:00pm - 2:00am:
Banquet/Fundraising Dinner

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

12:00 noon – 5pm:
Site Seeing

From 12:00 Noon:
Departure of Guests
The Nigeria
NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots
Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith

The labor of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom,
peace and Unity.
Oh God of creation,
direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where
peace and justice Shall reign.

United State of America
NATIONAL ANTHEM
The Star-Spangled Banner

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
WELCOME ADDRESS

WELCOME ADDRESS PRESENTED AT THE 2017 NATIONAL COVENTION of IJU SONS AND DAUGHTERS FOR THE “IJU WATER PROJECT AND FUNDRAISING DINNER”
BY IJU CLUB USA @ DOLTON, CHICAGO ON Saturday, MAY 27, 2017

Good evening ladies, gentlemen, and fellow Iju Sons, Daughters, our families, and friends. We are delighted to have all of you here to participate and share in this year's National Convention of the IJU CLUB USA (ICU) hosted by the Chicago Chapter.
All Thanks, Glory, Honor, and Adoration to the Almighty GOD for bringing us together in peace this day.

Our sincere appreciation to all the organizers and participants for the time and efforts they have invested to make this event a reality …..and we thank all our guest for coming. I warmly welcome you all……ESI DALE UJU A GBE KETE RI'A O (AMIN)!

We know many of you travelled from long distances to attend this event. This means a lot to us and serves to remind us all of just how important our reunion has been. Your presence here today alone makes this re-union a success. And, for those who are unable to make it due to one reason or the other, we pray God will give you joyful reasons to join our next re-union by God's Divine Grace.

IJU Club USA is a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and formed on the core principle and objective of reaching out to the needy in our society both here and abroad as evidenced by our recent performance. The association is rooted in transparency, accountability, proper and effective appropriation of membership funds. To this note, the funds at our disposal have been properly managed under the leadership of our National Executives.

IJU CLUB USA is committed to actively giving back to the City that has given us a lot. Most of us started our life's journey and spent our formative years at Iju. It has always been a proven fact that old friends are better than new. This is the venue where almost all our first transition towards adulthood took place. This is where our models, our frameworks, and our philosophies in life have taken its roots. This was the time we built that long-lasting relationship with our childhood friends and comrades that become our undeletable files of lifelong hard drives. Therefore, for this culture to continue, it is paramount and has been our mission to raise the quality of life for those who we left behind.

Over the past few years, some of the following number of project have been completed by this association; donation of computers, books, and writing materials, drinking water project etc. and we are still embarking on many more growth and vitalization initiatives for Iju Community especially the youth.
In this light, we want all Ijuans, regardless of their background, creed or circumstance to achieve their full potentials in a safe and sustainable environment. Our task is to try our utmost best to make it possible for every Iju citizen to have access to clean water supply and many more amenities just like one of our late Iju Icon and Father who ascertained his leadership with favorable electricity supply in Iju till his departure. Iju City will forever appreciate and honor Late Engr. Olumakin Ogunduyile who throughout his life career and like many others have left an unflinching legacy for all Iju Sons and Daughters to emulate.

According to the 28th President of the United States of America, Woodrow Wilson: “We are not here in America merely to make a living for ourselves. We are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. We are here to enrich the world, and we impoverish ourselves if we forget the errand”……and thank God that we have not forgotten our errands which is why we are all sitting here tonight. At Iju Club USA, we have taken it upon ourselves to making provision of access to clean and safe drinkable water our mission.

Finally, I will like to thank those who have supported us generously to make this event a reality. Again, we thank our Chicago Chapter members especially our father here, Mr. Wale Akinwale for his leadership and for holding down the fort….we appreciate you Sir. And for the rest of the members for their relentless efforts of series of meetings, teleconferences, financial donations, and sometimes impromptu meetings. We acknowledge all your efforts. To our in-house sponsors who stepped and pitched-in when the extra helps were needed, we sincerely appreciate you for your generous supports. A special thanks to my hardworking, dedicated, and committed National Executive Members for their endless support and assistance most especially Mr. Femi Ogunduyile (my Honorable VP) and Mr Ibukun Olowomeye (our Honourable Treasurer) for their unwavering support at all times. My prayer is that Our God Almighty will continue to meet you all at the points of all your needs.

As you have done in the past, we are imploring each and every one present here tonight to know that we need you now more than ever, your generous donation, contribution and support are the fuel that keeps our engine running. I urge you to prepare to be challenged, be excited, and be inspired to stand for our culture to improve the standard of living for our people back home as reflected in this Country. As a wisdom quote rightly put: “I learned to give not because I have much, but because I know exactly how it feels to have nothing.”

Once more, on behalf of all Iju Sons and Daughters, I say WELCOME………enjoy yourselves and have fun.

Olushola Solomon Akinleye
National President
IJU CLUB USA
2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION
AND FUND RAISING GALA

DOLTON, CHICAGO, IL
Saturday, May 27th, 2017

General Meeting Program of Events

· Opening Prayer

· Introduction of Members

· Welcome Address by the Association President

· Minute of silence for departed members

· Reading and Adoption of the last Reunion Minutes

· Matters Arising from the Minutes

· Chapter Report by Chapter Presidents or Representative

· Treasurer's Report

· President's Report

· Follow up on Regional Chapters Issues

· Iju City Matters/Health Forum

· Handover of National Secretariat/Election of New National Officers

· Discussions on Next Reunion and Location

· Any other Business

· Closing Prayer

· Group Photograph

· Lunch
IJU CLUB USA
2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION
AND FUND RAISING GALA

DOLTON, CHICAGO, IL
Saturday, May 27th, 2017
Fundraising Dinner/Banquet Program of Events
Venue: Dolton Banquet Hall, Dolton, Chicago, IL

· Opening Prayer

· Introduction of the Masters of Ceremony by Mr Ibukun Olowomeye

· National Anthems (Nigeria & USA)

· Welcome Speech by the President, Mr. Olushola Akinleye

· Introduction of Event Chairperson and Recognition of Special Guests.

· Presentation of Award(s)

· Dinner

· Update on Iju & Fundraising

· Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!

· Vote of Thanks

· Closing Prayer

· Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!
Distinguished IJU CLUB USA Recognition

Award Recipients

Mrs. Funmi Jegede (Late) – Member of MID-Atlantic Chapter, Delaware
The Family of Engr. 
Olushola & Mrs. Monreti Akinleye

Congratulations the members and Executives of IJU CLUB USA
on
The Association's 2017 National Reunion Celebration
We wish you a Happy deliberations and Happy Reunion.
Congratulations to
Iju Club USA

THE OGUNDUYILE'S FAMILY
Congratulates Iju Club USA for this significant milestone in its History. It's our prayer that the Association will continue to grow from strength to Strength.
THE VESSEL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL OF LANHAM

John 14:6

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 11am
FRIDAY INTERCESSIONARY NIGHT: 7pm-9pm

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We want to meet you where you are and hopefully help you to grow in a meaningful relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessing continue in your life in Jesus Mighty Name, Amen

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO
IJU CLUB USA

Mr. Gabriel and
Mrs. Elizabeth Akinwale

We facilitate and rejoice with all IJU-USA sons and daughters on this joyous occasion as we celebrate our 2017 convention and fundraising gala hosted by the Chicago chapter.
HAPPY REUNION

TO

IJU CLUB USA

As a Proud Member of “Iju Club USA”, we compliment the Organization on the important roles played in the Development of Iju Town, Ondo State of Nigeria. Iju Club USA motivate Hope, Provides Economic Resources, and Educational Materials for Students and Citizens in Need.

..........A Vibrant and Dedicated Non-Profit Organization like “Iju Club USA” Deserves a Strong Voice and Robust Support.

Mr. & Mrs. Olorunsola and Family
TOP GROUP TECHNOLOGIES
and the family of
MR. & MRS. TEMITOPE AKINWUMI
extend Heartiest Congratulations to IJU-USA
on The Occasion of Her 2017 National
Convention

Thanks for always been on the top of the list for serving the IJU community with selfless services.
We wish you outstanding success for many more years to come.
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TOP GROUP AWARDS:

* United Nations – CRC 25th Anniversary Award
* US Congress – Congressional Recognition Award
* US Senate – Trailblazer Recognition Award
* Maryland General Assembly – Trailblazer Award
* State of Maryland – Governor's Volunteer Service
* Charles County Commissioners Award
* Charles County Commission for Women's Award

For dedication, service and leadership in the area of Science, Technology and Empowerment
The FANAMI family congratulates Iju Club USA for the 2017 anniversary meeting and celebrations. We pray for God's love, peace and unity to abound amongst us in Jesus name. God bless Iju USA, God bless Iju, God bless Nigeria, and God bless the United States of America
The Family of Mr. & Mrs. Toye Adeosun congratulates the IJU CLUB USA on their 2017 Re-Union Celebration and Iju Water Project Fundraising Event.

The Family of Mr. & Mrs. Oladele Majasan congratulates the IJU CLUB USA on their 2017 Re-Union Celebration and Iju Water Project Fundraising Event.
State of Illinois United States of America express their joy and Solidarity with Iju Club USA on her Fundraising and Dinner coming together in May 27 2017.
Iju A GBE W A O, A si ko ere o oko dele ooo Amin.
Mrs. Elizabeth Akinwale & Mr. Niyi Fatuyi.

The Family of Mr. & Mrs. Dimeji Jogbodo congratulates the IJU CLUB USA on their 2017 Re-Union Celebration and Iju Water Project Fundraising Event.
Distribution of Computers Donated
By Iju Club USA at Various Schools – 2007
CONGRATULATIONS

IJU CLUB USA

ON YOUR NATIONAL CONVENTION

ON MAY 27, 2017 IN CHICAGO.

HENRY TINNER

WILL SUPPLY YOUR HOUSE GLASS AND OTHER BUILDING MATERIALS IN NIGERIA.

CHIEF HENRY

OLOFINGORITE [CEO]
PAST & PRESENT PRESIDENTS OF IJU CLUB USA

Mr. Gabriel Wale Akinwale
2000 – 2010

Mr. Tony Adebusola
2010 - 2014

Engr. Olushola Akinleye
2014 - Present
The Family of

Mrs. Cecilia Adedeji

Congratulations

the IJU CLUB USA

on their

2017 Re-Union

Celebration and Iju Water Project
Fundraising Event.

The Family of

Mr. & Mrs. Busayo Fagoriola

congratulates the

IJU CLUB USA

on their

2017 Re-Union Celebration

and

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May Christ's name that we bear lighten our paths and give us the willpower and resources to make our Iju City a better place for future generations.
The entire Bademosi's Family Congratulate the members and executives of IJU CLU USA on the 2017 Reunion Celebration.

Mrs. Dupe Bademosi
IJU USA 2017!

Congratulations On this occasion of ours. Many Happy Returns. Praying that our efforts will have a maximum impact to create lives of sustainability towards a more dignified living for our community.

Bravo Iju USA! Aluta Continua!! Lampada Ferens!!!

The Ogunbuyides
The Management and Staff of the Afro-Carribean Mart Congratulate

IJU CLUB USA

on their

2017 National Convention

and IJU Water Project Fund Raising

Events and Celebration.

MR & MRS OLATUNDE, MANAGER
Congratulations!!!

ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE OLOWOMEYE FAMILY
IN NIGERIA AND ABROAD WE CONGRATULATE IJU
CLUB USA ON OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION ON MAY
27, 2017 IN CHICAGO. THE LOVE THAT UNITE US
together will continue in Jesus name. God
bless IJU, God bless Nigeria, and God bless
USA.

IBK OLOWOMEYE FINANCIAL [SECRETARY]
We the entire Akinwale Family

Congratulate

our father, Gabriel Onike Akinwale on his 75th birthday. God will continue to bless you and you will live in good health and prosperity. Amen.

Mr. Gabriel Wale Akinwale
CONGRATULATIONS !!!

IJU CLUB USA FOR THIS YEAR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

IN UNITY WE STAND AND MAY THE LORD BLESS OUR FATHER LAND.

THE ABOLOYES.
DOUBLE CELEBRATION!!!
FIRSTLY, THE CHILDREN OF
MR. & MRS. IBUKUN
OLOWOMEYE CONGRATULATE
IJU CLUB USA ON THIS
NATIONAL CONVENTION
CELEBRATION MAY 27, 2017
SECONDLY, BIG
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
DAD AND MON FOR THEIR
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TODAY,
MAY 27 1995. WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU DAD AND MOM.
TUNDE OLOWOMEYE
for the Children.
IJU CLUB USA
National Executive Council
Welcomes All Members of the Association to the
2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION

IJU WATER PROJECT

FUND RAISING & DINNER
May 26 – May 28, 2017
Dolton, Chicago IL.
We Congratulate the National Executive Council and the
Executive Committee Members in
Baltimore/Washington Chapter for making the Reunion a Success.

Mr. Olushola Akinleye          Mr. Dickson Korede
National President          National Secretary
IJU WATER PROJECT GRAND OPENING
Esidale Uju a kete ria o. (Amin)!

Iju-USA

May 27, 2017

All Together In Unity