

# **SLGSAANA-SE**





Welcome to the first quarter bulletin of the Regentonian's Corner in 2018. This bulletin aims to provide old boys with information about their school and our local South Eastern (SE) USA chapter. We also hope it inspires old boys to be more involved with their alma mater.

### School Highlights for 2018 Year

- The academic school year was unfortunately abbreviated due to the recently-concluded elections in Sierra Leone. This impacted the March celebrations; the thanksgiving service was held without a marching parade, and both the Speech day and Thanksgiving were closed to the outside public.
- Preparations for the official transition of the school administration leadership from the current principal Mr. Lasite to the principal Designate Rev. Ken Davies are still ongoing. The following dates have been officially published for this transition:
  - Outgoing Principal's official last day- August 31st 2018
  - Installation of the new Principal- September 11th 2018

Old Boys and well wishers from around the world are expected to grace these momentous events.

• A new Board is being constituted to govern the affairs of the school.

The school is in need of continued support as it has been faced with renewed challenges this year. These include: the replacement of chairs and desks, laboratory equipment, computer and printing equipment and also the provision of the basic items for the smooth running of the school. Any gracious help towards these needs will be truly appreciated. Some of the pictures below illustrate areas of needs.



#### Alumni News:

The alumni kicked off our 10 Year Anniversary with a Thanksgiving service in conjunction with the 173<sup>rd</sup> foundation celebrations of the school on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Rev. Father Simeon Johnson delivered a moving sermon on the theme "Press on towards the goal- [Philippians 3: 12-14], with love, harmony, unity and service". This event was well attended with the support of guests from community church groups, sister alumni associations and Alumni members from outside the state of Georgia. The attendance and donations surpassed 2017's totals. We are very grateful for such support from our well wishers over the years as this has helped us to provide 109 cumulative scholarships to students over this past decade. Twenty (20) scholarships were awarded this academic year amounting to just over \$10,000 in value. The SE alumni branch is very excited to be honoring the retiring principal, Mr. Lasite, in Atlanta Georgia this year during our 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary 3-Day event celebrations. The planned symposium on education features the principal as the main presenter. Old Boys will also have the opportunity to closely interact with him at the Reunion and Games Night later that evening. He will be the "Man of Honor" during our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance, which will be capped off with a Celebration of Career Service the next day.

## Under the Murray Town Cotton Tree - (Humor & Fun Facts)

- 1. Until the Mid 1900s, the school Houses and colors were eight in number. Can you identify and name them?
- 2. During World War II, the school was commandeered for war purposes and classes were held at Tower Hill for a whole year.
- 3. Entrants admitted in the Mid 1800s and the early 1900s were as old as 24 years.
- 4. The school had a farming curriculum in the late 1800s. Students worked on a 6-acre farm near the current Prince of Wales school from 8am to 10am before attending classes producing cotton to help pay their tuition.
- 5. By the end of August 2018, Mr. Lasite will have served as a teacher and principal for 47 years; if we add his years of schooling as a pupil, he will have been associated with the Sierra Leone Grammar School for 52 out of 71 years of his existence.

Please join us this year as we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our local chapter. We are proud to be celebrating our members' dedicated service to underprivileged students in Sierra Leone.

## 10 Year Anniversary Celebrations Calendar

Anniversary Kick-off Barbeque: **June 2nd 2018**(3 Day Anniversary weekend)

Symposium on Education: November 2nd 2018

Fund-Raising Dinner & Dance: **November 3rd 2018**Retirement Celebration & Reflection Service: **November 4th 2018** 

More Information on Hotel accommodations and Event tickets will be provided soon

Please look out for comprehensive information on the Principal Mr. Lasite's Tour in the USA in the next bulletin. Details including his arrival in the USA, Principal Retirement Fund project, Short Story Project, Video Documentary will be included in the June Edition

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#### MEDIA & PICTURES:

Scholarship Recipients testimonial Videos, Thanksgiving Videos & Pictures, Dinner and Dance Pictures & Videos can be found on our website and the other social media links provided below:

Website: https://slgsaanase.org/

Testimonial: <a href="https://youtu.be/5Z3sPKegWJ0">https://youtu.be/5Z3sPKegWJ0</a>
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