

BRIEF HISTORY OF OGBAKU CLUB

COMMENCEMENT OF OGBAKU CLUB

The club commenced fully in 1981, using the residence of Livinus Onyejiaka at 40 Toyin Street Ikeja as regular venue for the bimonthly meetings.

The pioneer officers of the club were:

Chairman	–	Mr. Ephraim Akurunwa
Vice chairman	-	Mr. Francis Anujue
Secretary	-	Mr. Aloysius Anyanwu
Treasurer	-	Mr. Damian Osuigwe
Financial secretary	-	Mr. Richard Amaefule
Director of Business	–	Mr. Charles Ohamara
Director of socials	-	Mr. Sam Anuforo

The club trustees were:

Mr. E.I. Akurunwa, Mr. Livinus Onyejiaka
Mr. Charles Ononiwu, Mr. Charles Ohamara

OGBAKU CLUB REGISTRATION

Having met the requirement for registration by Corporate Affairs Commission (C.A.C), which included acquisition of a piece of land along the Oguta Road, Ogbaku, the club was registered with C.A.C in 3rd June 1984.

INITIAL ACHIEVEMENTS (1982 - 1989)

The motto of the club has remained as PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. Hence not too long after registration, the club embarked on a number of programs and projects that were very dear to the heart of Ogbaku.

- 5 secondary school scholarships – 1983 -1986

- Acquisition of land measuring 1,638.9 square meters along Oguta road after Umuokwere Okwu junction.
- ~~N~~20,000 worth of 6" x 4 pipes were donated to the town as a lever for the take-off of water distribution project 1988.
- Loans totaling ~~N~~20,000 was given to seven members in need since inception of the club to assist them in their various endeavours.
- ~~N~~1,000 worth of three (3) typewrites donated to Ogbaku girls secondary school.
- Wedding presents (television sets) worth ~~N~~600- ~~N~~1,000 to nine members.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLUB SO FAR

Water Scheme

The Ogbaku Club Initiative: In June 1983 the club took the initiative to launch a N1million water project for the Ogbaku. At the fund raising ceremony, the sum of N17,000 was realized and in February 1988 the club made it up to N20,000 which it donated to the town. With that sum of money, the first batch of water pipes and accessories were bought and laid in three directions as the foundation of the water distribution network in the town. As a result of the club's persistent lobbying Mbaitoli LGA donated 1500 pipes to Ogbaku in June 1988.

Ogbaku Club Support to Town Union: Encouraged by the success of the efforts of Ogbaku Club, in 1989 the Town Union mandated the club to organize a fund raising (launching) in Lagos and Ogbaku respectively to boost the water project. The club carried out this assignment creditably and realized a net sum of N160,000 which enhanced the project. The result of all these efforts by the club was that as at the date of the club's tenth anniversary (October 1991) nine out of the eighteen villages in Ogbaku had pipe borne water whereas before the inception of the club only one village had pipe borne water.

Educational Endowments

The club was worried about the level of education of Ogbaku youth. It therefore commissioned a research headed by Mr. Cyril Iwu. The research exposed that our youth

were not getting quality education; more so that the low grade, commercial school and other fee paying private schools attracted most of our youths who eventually came out half-baked in their educational standard.

From this research, the club undertook the program of educational endowment at both the Ogbaku Girls Secondary School and Presentation Secondary School. Club members chose to sponsor endowments on school subjects of their like. At close of every academic session, the club would arrange a get together with the parents and teachers where deserving students were handsomely rewarded with envelopes of sums of money endowed to the delight of their parents and their teachers who were also gratified in respect of those subjects.

The educational endowment program lasted for five years and gradually fizzled out as the principals and teachers proposed that rather than give monetary rewards to students, such monies should be used to develop the school infrasture.

Infrastructural Development

By way of intervention in the infrastructural development in Ogbaku, the club had renovated some school buildings at the Ogbaku Girls Secondary School and Presentation Secondary School, Ogbaku. The club also contributed significantly to the building of the Divisional Police Office Ogbaku.

Club Building (Ogbaku Social Centre)

The club's works committee had since gone into action to develop the club's civic centre which had become roofed and awaiting full completion. Meanwhile, the club's end of year convention had been held at the center since December 2019, and open to the general public for social events such meetings, weddings, etc.

Peace & Unity in Ogbaku

Peace in Ogbaku remains a part of our club's motto. The club had ceaselessly continued to work towards enthronement of peace and unity within the four autonomous

communities of Ogbaku Town. Notable here was the Peace & Reconciliation Committee set up to restore peace in Ogbaku in 2015 that was headed by the President of Ogbaku Club, Engr. Ken Ohaegbula, and another member of the club, Prince Iheanyi Okoronta as secretary.

COVID-19 Palliative

The club assisted 252 families by way of donation of money to each family ravaged by hunger during the COVID-19 sit at home period of 2020. The club also encouraged and applauded her members who could afford to, to make similar private efforts to members of their communities.

CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENTS OF THE CLUB BEGINNING FROM 1981

Originally the official head of the club held the title Chairman but later this was changed to President. So far chairmen and presidents of the club are:

1. Mr Ephraim I. Akurunwa (Chairman)
2. Mr. Aloy Anyanwu (Chairman)
3. Engr. Chris Nnah (Chairman)
4. Chief Damian Osuigwe (President)
5. High Chief (Engr.) Kenneth Ohaegbula (President)

OGBAKU CLUB ZONES & MEMBERSHIP GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

As the Club grew and members migrated out of Lagos to other locations globally, it became imperative to have other centres where members could meet to take part in the traditional bimonthly meetings. Though members were scattered across the globe two the two geographic locations with huge concentration of members are:

1. Lagos – also known as the Hub where the President and the first Vice President so far were drawn
2. Eastern Zone – also called home branch, where so far the second Vice President was drawn
3. There are members in diaspora who maintain contact with the club via electronic media and when possible participate in person upon return to Nigeria.

4. There is anticipation to have Abuja Zone take off soon as the number of members in Abuja has grown

DECEASED CLUB MEMBERS

The club regrets the demise of the under-listed members who remained active till death. Needless to add that Ogbaku Club fully participated in their burial, including playing the role of pall bearer and presenting the deceased family with the benefits due them according to the club's constitution as the case may be at the time of death.

The deceased members who maintained active membership until death are:

Miss Chinyere C. Durueke, Nnamdi Ihenatu, Richard Amefule, Engr. Ngozi Ajokubi, Cyril Iwu, Engr. Raph Ajoku, Prof Cyril Nwanunobi, Eddie Nnah, Barr. Sabatine Nwaiwu and Engr. Don Anuforo

Of historical importance is that Late Miss Chinyere C. Durueke was the **first female member of the club**

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS AS AT MAY 2021

S/N	NAME	OCCUPATION/BRIEF RESUME
1	OHAMARA, C.D.B.	
2	ANYANWU, ALOY	
3	OSUIGWEE, DAMIAN	
4	ONYEJIKA, LIVI	
5	OKORAFOR, INNOCENT	
6	NWAIWU, MALACHY	
7	NNAH, CHRIS	
8	ACHUGWO, BONAVENTURE	
9	OKPE, CHRIS	
10	EMERENWA, CHIKA LAWRENCE	
11	NKWOGU, VIN	
12	ONYENWERE, ETHEL	
13	OKOROAFOR, LINUS UGOAMADI	
14	ONYEANWU, PAT DEE	
15	OKORONTA, JOHN	
16	IHINEGBU, AMBROSE	
17	NWOKE, AZUBUIKE	

18	ONYEANWU, REGINALD	
19	OHAEGBULA, KENNETH	
20	ONYEANWU, IKPEAMA	
21	OKORONTA, IHEANYI	
22	OPARA, ANTHONY C.	
23	OSUOHA, PRINCEWILL N.	
24	MADUKA, AUSTIN KELECHI	
25	IREGBU, FRANCIS	
26	AKURUNWA, CHIDDI	
27	EZURIKE, ISDORE ODUNZE	
28	NNAH, RAYMOND	
29	AKALAZU, PAUL	
30	ONUEGBULAM RAPHAEL	
31	OBIUKWU, MORGAN	
32	OKPE, PASCHAL OKWUDILICHUK	
33	ANYANWU, KENNEDY	
34	ACHUGWO, CAJETHAN TOCHUKWU	

Honorary Member: Chief (Honourable) J.C.M Durueke

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