

# AMAKA'S VOICE

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## President's Corner

As you read this, many changes are taking place or may have taken place at CKC Onitsha and within the CKC-AAA family since the inaugural edition of this "Amaka newsreel" was published. First, a new executive committee, which was elected at the LA convention of 2010, has finalized the transfer of our Financial Secretary's role, which is one of the pivotal positions for any association. Larry Ozoh, our long-serving (and he might even claim to be long-suffering) has handed over all relevant records to Mr. Stan Ofomata. Our modalities for deposits and expenditures have been revamped, per the resolutions of Chicago-2009 and LA-2010. On the Nigerian front, a new and 22<sup>nd</sup> Principal has been appointed to head CKC Onitsha. He is a priest, **Rev. Fr. Dr. Charles Okwumuo**, albeit a non-alumnus of CKC. The reasons for the change are still being sought, and we shall share the information with our members as soon as we obtain clarity on the situation.

On the CKC-AAA front, the association is strong and vibrant as ever, thanks to the efforts of those who have seen this as a mission to be accomplished. In the past, we would bemoan the apparent apathy exhibited by very many of our contemporaries toward the affairs of CKC-AAA. We know that nominally there are thousands of CKC alumni in the U.S., but as have been demonstrated for the last 12 years, only a relative handful are actively participating in her affairs through CKC-AAA. Prior to now, we would spend time and resources trying to convince "the unwilling, to do the necessary, for the betterment of the majority". Not any more! Going forward, we shall do our business with the active participants. The "stragglers" know where to find us whenever they decide that the school, which molded their character and shaped their future, stands to benefit from their successes.

As usual, we shall convene in the month of July 2011 in New York. If the past is any guide, we shall expect quite a show from the Big Apple. They just don't know how to do things "small" in NY. From my little corner of the universe, I know that our organizational needs are plenty. But I trust that The Usual Suspects, working with New Yorkers, will make it yet another good year to be a member of CKC-AAA. Meanwhile, aluta continua.

Primus!  
**Emma Onua**

## REACTIONS TO THE MAIDEN ISSUE

**X**umero Uno! There's no suppressing the Amaka spirit, even when fellow Old Boys stand on the side and watch others carry the burden of sustaining our school, as if our dear school did not put them on the path that led them directly to their present stations in life. May the fame of our college last for ever...Thanks Osee and team! Primus!

**Emma Onua, Chicago, IL**

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**T**his is awesome! and shows once again why you are so dear to us. The adage that one tree does not make a forest definitely does not apply here. This one is unmistakably way out of the ballpark and should be an inspiration for all old boys to get involved. The least the sideliners can do is to provide the essential ingredient, in terms of financial support no matter how small to help our great cause. We need more membership involvement as the school cannot measure up to 50 percent of expectations from its present local private and public resources and old boys are increasingly being seen as a critical source for the school's enhanced sustenance. This publication comes in handy as a resource mobilization and fund raising material. We truly appreciate and applaud this gigantic leap. Three cheers for Cee Kay Cee. Primus!!!

**Eugene Agbimson, Manorville, NY**

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**T**his is great. I think that "Fine Boy" and Nwanekezie taught English and History respectively.

**Charles Belonwu, Boston, MA**

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2011 CKC-AAA ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**IN NEW YORK CITY**



**Hilton Long Island/Huntington**  
**598 Broad Hollow Road; Huntington, NY, 11747;**  
**Discounted Group Rate: \$129.00**  
Tel: 1-631-845-1000 Fax: 1-631-845-1223; Email:

**29-31 July 2011**  
<http://www.ckconitshausa.net/>

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**CKC-AAA 2011 New York**  
**Convention Theme**

**“Being Part of the Solution”**

*“We* the members of Christ the King College Onitsha, Alumni Association in America (CKC-AAA), gathered at our 15th Annual Convention in New York City on 29-31 July 2011, have chosen **“Being Part of the Solution”** as our convention theme. As members of the Nigerian Diaspora and attentive public, we recognize the problems and challenges confronting the educational system and institutions in Nigeria and therefore consider **Promoting Education As Basic Human Right**. We are witnesses to the erosion of educational values, degradation of the system and diminution of the role of legacy schools like CKC Onitsha, in grooming future Nigerian leaders. We remain profoundly concerned that the absence of concerted action to arrest this blight will do long-term and irreversible damage to public interest. Cognizant that every problem has a solution and that the best solutions do not always emanate from governments, but from proactive and committed individuals and groups who strive to make a difference, we seek to be part of the solution, mindful that the best way to escape from a problem is to solve it. As people who possess knowledge of the value and honoured place of qualitative education and recognize the role our Alma Mater has played on molding captains of the public and private sectors in Nigeria, we believe that in **Being Part of the Solution**, must begin with **Promoting Education As Basic Human Right** and that we can rally our collective knowledge, skills, intellect and resources toward that goal.

**How CKC Got Its “Amaka” Moniker**

*For* the historical purposes only: I hope you all know that the name **“Amaka”** came from one **Mr. Blazius Anyanwu** in 1961 [a year before I entered CKC]. Blazius came for the Higher School Programme from BSC Orlu. After taking his first Wednesday night beans and dodo dinner, Mr. Anyanwu was reported as having exclaimed **“Hey! CKC Amaka!”** So we were told and I can recall that he was still being teased with his exclamation in 1962. Incidentally, Mr. Anyanwu was huge in stature and a good sportsman!

~~ **Dr. Charles Anyaeji**, (Class of '65)  
*Secretary CKC Onitsha Old Boys*  
*Association, Benin Branch*

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**The College Portal**  
**(Funded by CKC-AAA)**



For seventy-eight years, many great men have walked through this hallowed portal, first, merely as innocent and callow lads, and later, walked out as confident, grounded and well-rounded personalities, ready to conquer the world and to lead with, goodness, discipline and an unfretted desire of knowledge. Such is the profound and catalytic influence of C.K.C. Onitsha.

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**Recent Visits to CKC**

**Prof. NT Izuchi**, who met with Principal, Fr. Charles Okwumuo, Principal Emeritus, Fr. N.C. Tagbo and the Proprietor, Archbishop Valerian Okeke on 6 Jan. 2011.

**Condolence**

*Com*miserations to Larry Ozoh and family for the loss of their mom, **Mrs. Felicia O. Ozoh** on 10 Feb. 2011.

## Face Book Titbit

### **C.K.C. Onitsha & Q.R.C. Onitsha ...two of a kind**

Knowing fully well that these two schools have a

lot of things in common like;

1. Founded by the same person (Charles Heerey)
2. Situated on the same road (Oguta Road Onitsha)
3. Managed by Catholic Church way back.
4. Come tops as best male and female schools respectively in school competitions.
5. Sees each other as brothers and sisters.
6. Competes favourably well in academic excellence.

We hope to use this medium to link/connect all and sundry who are part of these great schools of great achievers. Can't you see, we are ...TWO OF A KIND".

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### **C.K.C. Onitsha Old Boys Join the 2011 Political Fray**

- **CKC-AAA member, Dr. Jude Nwokenkwo**, (Class of '83) has declared his interest to run for the Federal House off Representative for Ehime/Mbano, Ihite/Uboma and Obowo federal constituency in Imo State under the People's Democratic Party platform.
- **Francis Chukwunweike Maduekwe** (Class of '76) from Umudioka in Dunukofia LGA of Anambra state has declared his interest to run for the Senate under the banner of ANPP.
- **Dr. Pat Utomi**, (Class of '73) a professor of political economy and management expert is a Nigerian entrepreneur whose ultimate goal is to positively affect humanity state, has declared his interest to run for the Nigerian Presidency.

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### **Financial Resources & Dues**

Since its founding in 1997, CKC-AAA has invested over **N20 million** in revitalization projects at the old school. Many projects have been completed and several are ongoing, along with motivational awards for the students and staff of the college. CKC-AAA has also established a **\$100,000.00** capitalization Trust Fund for the association, aimed at ensuring support in perpetuity of its programs at the school. The Association would not have accomplished this much without the selfless sacrifice of a handful of alumni. The question we must ask of ourselves is this: "What have you done lately for your old school?" To keep the process alive and bequeath a fitting legacy to posterity, we urge you to pay your annual dues or contribute to the Trust Fund. Send dues/contributions to:

**The Financial Secretary  
CKC-AAA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1433,  
Sneville, GA 30078**

## **ORDER YOUR C.K.C. COLLEGE BLAZER**



	Chest	Waist	Neck	Arm
XS	34-36	26-27	13-13 1/2	31-32
S	37-39	28-31	14-14 1/2	32-33
M	40-42	32-35	15-15 1/2	33-34
L	43-45	36-39	16-16 1/2	34-35
XL	46-48	40-43	17-17 1/2	35-36
XXL	49-51	44-46	18-18 1/2	35-36

## **\$150.00 Each**

Send check of \$150 made to "CKC-AAA" to:  
**Secretary, CKC-AAA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 475  
Iselin, NJ 08830**

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## **SPOT YOURSELF OR MATES!**



**40 years Later -- Where Are they Now?**

# REMITTANCE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Left CKC: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership, Annual Dues and “CKC Revitalization/Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund” Contributions Remittance Form

Please find enclosed herewith, my contribution to the above fund as checked off below:

- \$50 Membership Registration  
 \$50 Annual Membership Dues (For year \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Contribution  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CKC Revitalization/Diamond Jubilee Trust Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Advertisement/Goodwill Message in CKC-AAA Journal  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Remittance/Levy  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Public Donation  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous

I should be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of the enclosed amount and send me the pertinent tax-exempt document. Thank you.

**The Financial Secretary  
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## From the C.K.C. Archives

“Listeners were taken aback when the BBC flashed the tidings that Nigeria has now won the 1977 world Schools Soccer cup. The heroes of this victory, C.K.C. Onitsha, flew out of Ikeja Airport as underdogs... here are the secrets behind the C.K.C. success – cool determination by the boys: absolute confidence in their ability to prove their mettle; unmitigated courage displayed by the team captain –Nnamdi Nwokocho; exemplary discipline by the boys inside and outside the pitch, inspiration by the Irish Founding fathers of C.K.C. and above all, response to Chukwumah Igweonu’s coaching.”

~~ Mathew O. Udeh (Class of '52)

## Grudge From A Legacy School

☞ bear C.K.C. a deep and long-standing grudge.... in 1948, unless my memory serves me ill, your CKC soccer team trounced mine (Government College Umuahia). The score, if you can believe it was 10 goals to 1.

~~ Chief Chike Momah, Ex-Umuahian

## Primus Inter Pares

☞ Four C.K.C. Onitsha alumni who became Nigerian Supreme Court Judges: **Justice Chike Idigbe\***, **Justice Anthony Aniagolu**, **Justice Chukwudifu Oputa** and **Justice Anthony Iguh**. (\* Deceased)

## A Seminal Question

“Of what use then, I ask, is this association if we gather once a year only to reminisce on the past glories of our Alma Mater? Of what use then is this association if we do not think of ways and means of maintaining the progress of C.K.C.? And I not only think of educational but also of “structural” progress. There is a constant need for this.”

~ Justice Chike Idigbe, (Class of '40)

## Oguta Road Wisecrack (Njakiri)

- Ogbu oge, jikwa plan.
- Chics *boku* for Babylon, but wife material no dey.
- “My son, I sabi say you dey go college for Onitsha. Is it C.K.C. or D.M.G.S. or those six other *chere were* schools like Metro, Etukokwu and St. Augustine)?
- Instead *Buzo* go say him broke, him say soaked garri better pass cornflakes.
- *Na Bobo Nkiti* wey not get *ijaliya* to buy jam, hing’s, bugaaloo, appolo or akpoolaa, say him don join SU.

## Editor's Box

☞ This is Vol. 2 of our quarterly newsletter, **Amaka's Voice**, which serves as a communication medium for CKC-AAA members and indeed, alumni of the old glorious college. The newsletter will be circulated electronically, posted on our webpage and sent to members by surface mail. Send your contributions, if any, to: **Amaka's Voice**, The Editor: [Selonnes@aol.com](mailto:Selonnes@aol.com), Tel: 908-337-2766; or 231-387-0869.