



CWA Club '70

CWA Class of 1970

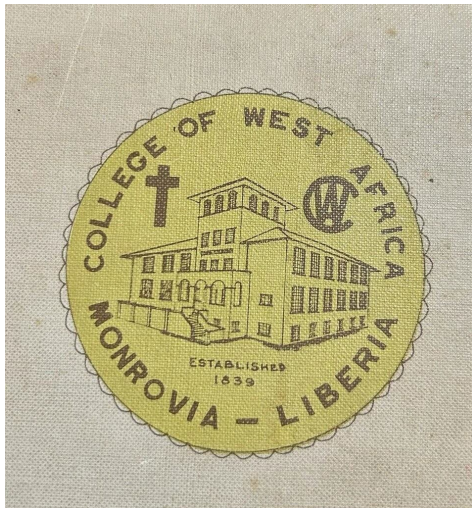
53rd Anniversary Reunion

Celebration

August 25 – 27, 2023

Tuscaloosa, Alabama – USA

**Class Name “Kwalolie” - “Let us move
forward”**



We really wish you had joined us!

Here are some highlights.....

We had 72 hours to....

Reminisce.....

Enjoy the present,... Celebrate life, and....

Make new memories!!!!

SO HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED (turn the pages)

CWA Club '70 Kwalolians gathered in Tuscaloosa, Alabama from Friday, August 25, 2023 through Sunday, August 27, 2023 to celebrate our 53rd anniversary of graduation from the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia. Dr. Albert White and his wife, Ngawa White were exemplary hosts.

Attendees

Albert and Ngawa White
Carolyn Smith Amegashie,
Christiana Cuffey Wilson
Emmanuel and Katrina Freedman
Enrica Shaw Harris
Eugene Sawyer
Joachim and Tanae Acolatse
Relda Scott Dorris
Seward and Anne Cooper
Solomon and Félicité Toweh
Velma Major Troko
Youngor Telewoda



*Home of Albert and Ngawa White
Host and hostess of the 53rd Reunion*



Albert Taylor & Ngawa Anna White, Hosts

Friday, August 25

Meet & Greet
Ngawa White

Home of Albert &

*6210 Covington Lane
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

Saturday, August 26

Edmund Pettus Bridge
Business Meeting

US 80 Highway, Selma, AL

Lunch
Albert & Ngawa White

Home of

Let's Dance with Victoria Da Costa

939 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL

Banquet
White

Home of Albert & Ngawa

Sunday, August 27

Worship Service

*Elizabeth Baptist Church
2650 Elizabeth Street, Tuscaloosa, AL*

Brunch
Business Meeting & Installation of Officers*

Home of Albert & Ngawa White

*Installation performed by Alumnus **LaVerne Williams**

Photos of the activities are available using the links at the end of this bulletin.

2023 Reunion Committee

Albert White (Host)
Ngawa White (Hostess)
Enrica Shaw Harris
Joachim Acolaste
Relda Scott Dorris
Solomon Toweh

Additional Contributors to the success of the Gathering

Artwork & Design of the Key Chain, Ceramic & Travel Mugs
By Carolyn Smith Amegashie & Enrica Shaw Harris

*Photography on Saturday Night
By Madyé Parrish*

*DJ Services both evenings provided by
Mr. Archie Lewis from Detroit, Michigan*

*Bartending on Saturday provided by
“I Do” Bartending and Events*

Friday Evening

August 25, 2023

MEET AND GREET



! L'R Standing: Emmanuel, Carolyn. Anne, Enrica, Solomon and, Félicité Seated: Velma and Relda

Highlight of the evening included purchasing souvenirs as a fundraiser. You can do your part by ordering mugs and key chains by October 6, 2023. In Liberian tradition, you'll get a "dash"!! Yes, your order will ship with a commemorative 50th anniversary pin AND a fabric tote bag you can customize. A couple of examples are included in Friday's album Check it out and place your order today!

When customizing your tote, place a cardboard or cardstock in the tote before applying markers, crayons, paints or ink. Allow at least 8 hours drying time.

Saturday Morning

August 26, 2023

EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE



Standing L-R: Seward, Anne,, Eugene, Solomon, Félicité, Carolyn, Youngor, Christiana, Emmanuel, Velma
Kneeling: L-R: Enrica, Relda, Albert

Photo courtesy of Katrina Freedman



Katrina, Chris, Emmanuel, Velma. Youngor, Solomon, Félicité, Anne, Seward, Carolyn & Eugene
Enrica, Albert and Relda





Albert, Relda, Eugene; Anne, Seward, Felicite, Solomon; Carolyn, Youngor, Velma; Emmanuel, Christiana



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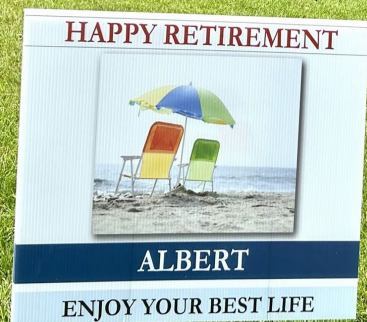
Never Forget. Never Again

The bloodshed on this bridge named to honor Klan Leader, Edmund Pettus, must fuel our resolve to secure the right to vote in perpetuity. This park was designed and donated by Hank and Rose Sanders to honor their parents, Rev. D.A. and Ora Lee Gaines and Sam and Ola Mae Sanders, who represent the thousands of African Americans whose work and faith form the pillars of the Civil Rights Movement.



SURPRISE, ALBERT!!!

We were delighted to be included in Albert's Surprise Retirement Party
Back Row L-R: Seward, Christiana, Emmanuel, Carolyn, Eugene, Félicité, & Solomon
Front Row: Velma, Ngawa, Albert, Relda, Youngor, & Anne
Kneeling: Enrica





**Ngawa ALWAYS had the table overflowing
with so much food!**



Seward blesses a delicious variety of foods!! (Yum)



Saturday Afternoon

August 26, 2023

DANCE TIME



RHYTHM and MOVEMENT



Awaiting instruction from Ms. Victoria Da Costa (Standing)
L-R: Seward, Anne, Katrina, Emmanuel, Youngor, Christian, Velma, Félicité, Solomon,
Carolyn, & Relda







Getting the steps and loving it!

Saturday Evening

August 26, 2023

BANQUET & MORE

Banquet Program



Mistresses of Ceremony - Enrica Shaw Harris and Relda Scott Dorris

Occasion

Solomon Toweh

Prayer

Velma Major Troko

Welcome Remarks

Joachim Acolatse

Acknowledgment of Guests

Emmanuel Freedman

In Memoriam

Carolyn Smith Amegashie

Blessing of Meal

Christiana Cuffey Wilson

DINNER

Introduction of Speaker

Seward Cooper

Keynote Speaker

Eugene Sawyer

Salute in Song

School Ode & National Anthem

Thanks and Appreciation

Youngor Telewoda

Closing Remarks

Albert White

DANCING



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The Occasion



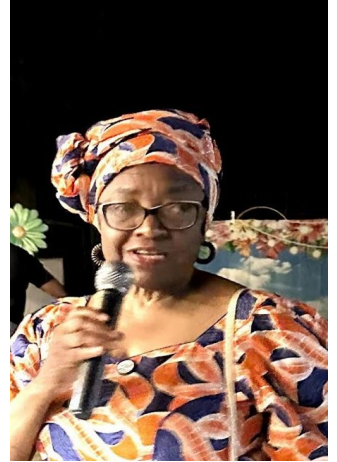
Greetings to all,

I am Solomon Toweh, a member of CWA Class of '70. Here with me tonight is my wife, Felicite. Tonight, August 26, 2023, we are gathered at the residence of our classmate Dr. Albertt White and his wife, Anna Ngawa, in Tuscaloosa, AL, to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of our graduation from high school. The Meet and Greet was also held at the White's residence on Friday, August 25. Commemorating our graduation started in 1975 at Salvatores Restaurant, Monrovia, Liberia, on the 5th Anniversary. On August 5-6, 1995, we celebrated our 25th anniversary in Silver Spring, MD, at the Holy Family Seminary Recreation Hall and the Meet and Greet gathering in Camp Springs, MD.

Read the full Greeting:

[The Occasion](#)

Thoughts and Prayers By Velma M. Troko



As I thought about what I would share tonight, I asked Enrica, what she had in mind when she asked me to pray? She said, well do what you want. You are speaking to your Father. This could be dangerous when you leave it to me like that. However, as I tried to restrain myself from saying too much, I thought before I pray, I'd like to share a few thoughts that came to my mind.

Read the full remarks:

[Thoughts & Prayers](#)



IN MEMORIAM

Delivered by
Carolyn Smith Amegashie



THE TIME IS NOW

If you are ever going to
love me, Love me now, while I can
know

The sweet and tender feel-
ings, Which from true affection
flow.

Love me now, While I am
living. Do not wait until I'm
gone,

And then have it chiseled in
marble, Sweet words on ice-
cold stone.

If you have tender thoughts
of me, Please tell me now,

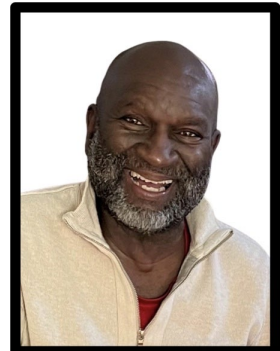
If you wait until I am sleep-
ing, Never to awaken,

There will be death between
us, And I won't hear you then.

So, if you love me, even a
little bit,

Let me know it while I am
living, So I can treasure it.

-Author Unknown-



IN MEMORIAM
By Carolyn Smith Amegashie

SINCE WE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ABOUT 53 Years ago, we have lost quite a few of our members. We spent some time today reminiscing about some of the moments we shared with them.

THIS EVENING, we want to focus on three of our classmates, members of Club 70, who passed away in rapid succession last year, 2022:

- Abraham A Pelham-July 7, 2022
- Florence O USO Gbarbea-September 22, 2022
- Aurelius B B Weeks-November 26, 2022

I came across this poem many years ago and I have kept it on my refrigerator door. I will first share it with you because I think it is relevant. It offers some food for thought in all of our relationships.

It is titled **THE TIME IS NOW** (*See prior page.*)

Read the full memoriam:
[In Memoriam](#)



CWA Club '70 2023 Reunion Celebration
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Welcome Remarks -Joachim P.C. Acolatse, Jr., president

Beloved Classmates, Cherished Family Members, Honored Guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Planning Committee for the 53rd Anniversary Reunion celebration of the College of West Africa High School graduating class of 1970, Kwa Lo Lie, we greet you with the warmest heartfelt welcome from our hearts to yours.

Today, we don't only assemble ourselves to reconnect and reminisce about the days of yore, when we walked the halls of our alma mater, but also, like those days of new beginnings, how might we disseminate the wealth of wisdom acquired over a lifetime to impact the next generation, our grandchildren, and the world around them.

We stand here united by threads of youthful experiences and shared memories over the years, and it is incredible to see the paths our lives have taken.

Read the full remarks:

[Welcome](#)







CWA CLUB '70

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. EUGENE SAWYER BY SEWARD MONTGOMERY COOPER, ESQ.

I am honored and happy that Bud asked me to introduce our keynote speaker. This introduction is simply a synopsis of his life, as I know it.

He is a senior citizen of the world - a product of two centuries. He grew up in a different place, and was groomed in two different worlds, where the things of the day are vastly different.

Our speaker exhibited multiple talents during our high school days at CWA. I recall his dynamic leadership as president of the CWA Hi-Y; his skills as a left-footed player on the forward line of the Foxes football team; his role in 1970 as campaign manager of the unsuccessful team of “vanguard activists”; and his erudition during inter-high school intellectual competitions on the CWA “Meet the Challenge” team.

Read the full introduction

[Introduction](#)

CWA CLUB '70 53rd Anniversary Reunion Celebration
Tuscaalosa, Alabama, August 26th, 2023



“KEYNOTE ADDRESS”

by

Eugene K. Sawyer, MD

Keynote Address
Delivered by
Eugene K. Sawyer

My Dear Classmates, Spouses and Guests.

I feel honored today to address you as the keynote speaker for this celebration of the anniversary of our 53rd Year of graduation from our beloved College of West Africa. But this is also a Celebration of our first (In-person) gathering since our historic 50-year Reunion in 2020- which was virtual because of the Covid pandemic.

In fact, when Bud called, around Memorial Day to inform me of this special honor, I was initially surprised and then hesitant. How could I even approach the level of the eloquence of the keynote address by our esteemed classmate, Cllr Seward Cooper - who delivered that magnificent speech during that anniversary celebration.

[Read the full address:](#)
[Keynote Address](#)

Thanks and Appreciation

Delivered by
Ambassador Youngor Telewoda



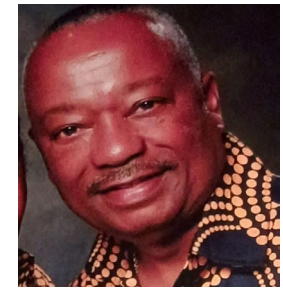
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, my dear classmates of Class of 1970.

I am pleased and honored to on behalf of the class of 1970, express our sincere and deep appreciation from the bottom of our hearts to you and Mrs White for the overwhelming hospitality that you have placed at our disposal since we arrived in Tuscaloosa.

As a token of our appreciation and gratitude kindly accept this small gift from us as a symbolic gesture which we hope will find it useful in your beautiful home. May I express express our deep appreciation appreciation to Mrs Catherine White , the Matriarch of Dr White's family. Allow me to embrace her with a hug on our behalf.

Read the full statement:
[Thanks & Appreciation](#)

Closing Remarks by Dr. Albert T. White



Good evening to all of you. Thank God for allowing us all to be here and giving us the physical abilities we still have.

Ngawa and I want to say welcome again to all our other guests and family who joined us for this special occasion.

Thanks to Tuscaloosa, Alabama for providing a homestead for us and a safe place to live where we have raised our family all these years.

Thanks to our reunion committee that worked hard to get the program organized, got souvenirs made, and helped make all of this happen.

I want to especially recognize the presence of my dear mother, Mrs. Kathryn White, my siblings, Kedrick and wife, Michelle White, Gifty White, E. C., and husband, Ben Clarke, and our children, Sargent, Timothy, and Kevin White.

I hope all of you had a wonderful and memorable time here and that all our future celebrations will be great.

ENJOYING OURSELVES



ENJOYING OURSELVES



Sunday Morning

August 27, 2023

In everything, we give thanks!



Elizabeth Baptist Church 2650 Elizabeth Street, Tuscaloosa, AL



Back row L-R: Chris, Solomon, Félicité Eugene, Seward, tanneh, Joachim, Albert, Katrina, Emmanuel, & Carolyn Front Row L-R: Youngor, Relda, Anne, Enrica & Velma ,



Sunday Afternoon

August 27, 2023







Thinking of you!



JOHN DARLEWON

I am sorry I can't attend this year's gathering. I'm sure it will be fun and I look forward to seeing pictures and hearing how everyone is doing. My family is well. We had a reunion in Mississippi this July. It was a lot of fun, I'm looking forward to returning to work mentoring our future leaders. I enjoy the pictures and updates on the Foxes Den WhatsApp Chat: Please keep sharing your updates and pictures.

Let's go Foxes!!



Clinton Vulu

I am very sorry that I was not planning to join the reunion celebration. I wish you all a wonderful get-together and a blessed one. Please tell our classmates that I will always remember some of the fun activities that we had at CWA. I am very proud of our grandchildren and I am enjoying the activities that they are involved in. The older ones are in college and doing very well. One is in Boston this summer doing biomedical research and the other is at home working. I spend time with the younger ones reading books and playing games. I am having a blast, folks.

You can enjoy more pictures (& videos!) using these links:

[Friday](#)

[Saturday Morning](#)

[Saturday Afternoon](#)

[Saturday Evening](#)

[SUNDAY](#)

(Double click on hyperlink to open & view)

Your financial support helps us to make a difference in the lives of the next generation of Liberian Youth. Please consider a cash donation for the Scholarship Fund or future projects. Our individual grains of sugar collectively make a cup of sugar!

Please send your cash donation to Treasurer Solomon Toweh

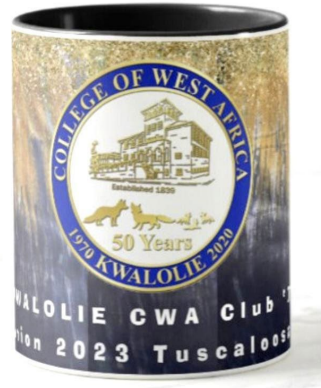
Phone: 301-437-9099 email: sh_toweh@yahoo.com.

(link for financial transaction info [KWA FIN INFO](#))

Souvenirs still available for purchase



Travel Mug \$23



Ceramic Mug \$17



Beer Stein \$30



Key Chain \$6

All items available for order plus **shipping costs***

Please send your order and payment to Enrica by **Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**

(Email: lonricah@gmail.com Phone: 205-422-2259)

Get Your Souvenirs Today

*Original creative design of Logo by **Carolyn Smith Amegashie & Enrica Shaw Harris***

The background of the mugs is replicated from the custom tie-dye created for our 50th Anniversary (2020)

*First **20** orders get a “dash”....the 50th Anniversary Pin !!!*

***packaging & shipping costs start at \$18 Continental USA only**

Thank you for your
**Time, Participation, Contributions and
Ongoing Support.**

CWA Club '70

2023 Newly Elected Officers

President - Albert White

Vice President - Velma Major Troko

Secretary - Christiana Cuffey Wilson

Treasurer - Solomon Toweh

Chaplain - Enrica Shaw Harris