

# NAF News



## From the President's Desk

Happy New Year! With more than 177 million, Nigeria is Africa's most populous country. It is inhabited by more than 250 ethnic groups, including the Hausa and Fulani (29%), Yoruba (21%), Igbo (18%), Ijaw (10%), Kanuri (4%), Ibibio (3.5%), the Tiv (2.5%) and the Edo. English is the official language although Nigeria boasts of more than 500 indigenous languages, including Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo. Nigeria, the world's 12th largest producer of oil in the world, is the 8th



largest exporter of the product for which it has the 10th largest proven reserves. While you will learn about various components of our agenda in this newsletter and other media, we invite you recruit others to be part of the change we seek: A strong and respected Nigerian voice in the tri-county area of South Florida, a thriving, unified and progressive community that is culturally aware, professionally and economically equipped, and politically potent. Welcome!

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-Dr. Yinka Tella



## Nigeria Day Declaration 10/1

@ Miami Dade Government Center



## Naija History & Spelling Bee

Annual Spelling Competition, MDC



## Cultural Day Festival

Health Fair & Culture Awareness Fun



As Nigerian Americans, we have the responsibility of caring for our extended families at home in addition to investing in the local economy to facilitate economic development, hence the high level of remittances. To



keep up the momentum, however, we need to hone our skills and become more empowered economically and politically with the American firmament. The Nigerian American



Foundation intends to be a more proactive actor in creating the enabling environment for our community to prosper and earn the respect that we deserve.

By taking the decision to join the Nigerian American Foundation (NAF), you are teaming up with other patriotic Nigerians in South Florida to harness the innate energy, creativity and talents of our people for a more consequential presence in South Florida. We are making a difference through programs like the periodic passport renewal exercises, the NAF Roundtable, NAF/North Miami Beach Medical Center Forum free health services, discounted access to a recording studio as well as access to the Diaspora Arts Coalition by artistes within the Nigerian community and an events calendar hosted on



**WELCOME NEW GUESTS & MEMBERS**

We are so pleased you have decided to come and see what we are all about. For that reason we have a special package for you. At our next meeting please see Charlotte who is our Public Relations Officer for your new member package. Thank you for joining us in helping make our community strong and for the better!

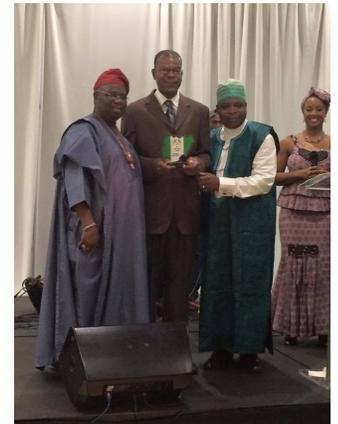
"Milk and honey have different colors, but they share the same house peacefully."  
~African Proverb



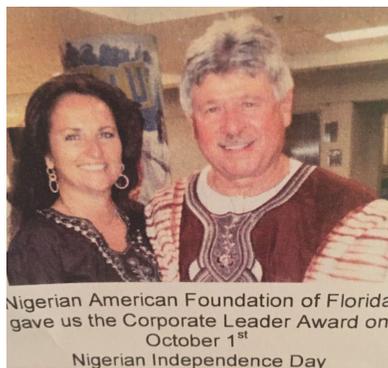


our revamped website,  
[www.nigerianamericanfoundation.com](http://www.nigerianamericanfoundation.com),  
 for the community.

Our annual celebration of Nigeria's independence anniversary was particular memorable last year with the following highly successful events:



✓ The Nigerian History and Spelling Bee Competition taking place at Wolfson Center Lecture Hall, Miami Dade College North Campus, on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10am-2pm



Nigerian American Foundation of Florida gave us the Corporate Leader Award on October 1<sup>st</sup> Nigerian Independence Day

✓ Showcase of Nigerian Arts, Artifacts and Lifestyle at the lobby of Stephen P. Clark Government Center in downtown Miami, from October 1-15: County Commission ceremony recognizing Nigeria at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 6

✓ Nigerian-American Wellness and Culture Fest also featuring the Nigerian Independence Soccer Tournament, on Saturday, October 3, 2015 (10 am-2 pm) at Rolling Oaks Park, Miami Gardens

✓ The "Green and White" Banquet and Awards Night, a dress-to-impress, fundraising banquet, with the theme, Promise of a New Nigeria, on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Florida International University – Wolfe University Center.

These were all done the previous year and we are looking forward to doing much more in the new with your help!

**“A single stick may smoke, but it will not burn!” ~Nigerian Proverb**