

# Moving to an Interactive Website

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We talk to you, you talk to us, we all  
talk to each other

Today users can only passively read the site



# Goals

- ✓ Early release of Newsletter Articles
- ✓ Comments, dialogue on Newsletter Articles
- ✓ Online registration for events (like this meeting)
- ✓ Online payment for events, dues, donations
- ✓ Direct entry of address, telephone, email changes
- ✓ Expanded query capability

We can talk back



# A Login Capability

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## **Purpose:**

To be the Peace Corps Nigeria alumni association.

## **Mission Statement:**

To promote a sense of community among Nigeria Peace Corps alumni and other friends of Nigeria, to support the interests of the Nigerian people, and to educate the public about Nigeria.

## **Goals:**

- To foster communication among our members through tools such as a newsletter, websites, and interactive listservs.
- To promote the creation of publicly accessible archives of historic photos, recordings, memorabilia and documents.
- To sponsor and promote reunions of FON members.
- To fund projects that have as their aim to make a positive impact on the lives of Nigerians.

Everyone can come [here](#). But now let's **login** for a lot more

# Newsletter Articles before they're printed

## THINGS COME TOGETHER

By David L. Koren (09) 63-66

In July, 2012 Dr. Ejikeme Obasi invited me to Amandigbo, a conference in Chicago. In 1968, at the age of ten, he was one of the starving children of Biafra, the children who aroused the sympathy of the world during the Nigeria-Biafra war. Obasi had watched many of his family and friends slowly starve to death, and he himself was alive only because of the relief food smuggled into Biafra by the church-operated Biafran Airlift. I had worked on the Biafran Airlift as a cargo master and a mechanic.

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In a partial example of one of the poems, "Refugee Mother and Child," Achebe writes:

...She had bathed him

And rubbed him down with bare palms.

She took from the bundle of their possessions

A broken comb and combed

The rust-colored hair left on his skull

And then – humming in her eyes – began carefully to part it.

In their former life this was perhaps

A little daily act of no consequence

Before his breakfast and school; now she did it

Like putting flowers on a tiny grave.

In *Far Away in the Sky*, I related how, after unloading our cargo of food at Uli airstrip, we sometimes evacuated small children in the last stages of starvation. The children, not orphans, were clean and well dressed. "Imagine," I wrote, " what their parents felt when they bathed them and dressed them in their best little clothes and sent them far away in the sky with strangers."

Months later those children were returned to their parents, healthy and safe. They grew up to have children of their own, and some sent their children away to college...

It is a sad thing for Nigeria and Africa that so many Biafran children died and that Biafra died as a child among nations. But the world is enriched by the fusion of cultures forged in Biafra and brought together in the life and writings of Chinua Achebe.

# Post comments NOW

## No waiting for mail carrier

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### **Enter Your Comments (Greg Jones (22) 66-68)**

Great article, David. We who were in the North never came close to the conflict. Our biggest issue was when expressing sympathy for the victims of the war we would be accused of disloyalty to the Federal cause.

# ...And you'll see all comments together with the article

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## **Comments**

### **Larry Lesser (09) 63-65**

My then-wife and I (Nigeria 9 -- like David Koren) were teachers in Enugu and completed our PC tour a few weeks before the first military coup that began Nigeria's slide into its present state. You'll recall that in those first five-or-so years after independence political scientists flocked to Nigeria and hailed it as the model of how post-colonial political development should go. That proved to be naive.

There were of course a number of reasons why the breakaway state of Biafra was strangled in its cradle. David Koren writes poignantly about how that Igbo national movement was crushed. Koren's sympathy for the Igbo people and their movement was shared by most of the PCVs who served in Eastern Nigeria

### **Bob Bennett (07) 63-65** Leicester, England

May I commend to FON readers a brief but most informative book by a tennis playing colleague of mine at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in the mid-60s, Nwabuisi Iroaga (*What Grandpa Did*, Epic Press, 2014). It is a most readable account of a male child's growing up in an Igbo village, and now I have in print the four days of the Igbo village market week! I last saw Nwabuisi in Connecticut at the end of 1967 where he was studying for a further degree. His wife and daughter were in an increasingly isolated and war-torn Biafra.



# Current Joining Page

Get out your printer, envelope, stamps...  
It talks to YOU. You can't answer!  
What you see is all you get



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To join "Friends of Nigeria" or for more information, write, phone, or e-mail:

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Friends of Nigeria Annual Dues: \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families

# If Logged-In, you can pay dues



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...But log in and get all these choices, too



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# Personal Information Update

**Last Name \***

**First Name \***

**Address**

▼ **Contact settings**



Personal contact form

Allow other users to contact you via a [personal contact form](#) which keeps your e-mail address hidden. Note that some privileged users such as site administrators are still able to contact you even if you choose to disable this feature.

**Town**

**State**

**Zip**

**Home Phone**

**Mobile Phone**

Mobile phone number (optional)

# Search of Member Database

## Corporations Division

### Search for a business entity

[Legal Information, Disclaimers, Policies](#)

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**Search by entity name** (Company, LP, LLP, LLC, etc.)

Enter name:

Search type:

Begins with



**Search by an individual name** (Officer, Director, etc.)

Search type:

Begins with



First:

Middle:

Last:

**Search by Identification Number**

Must be 9 digits

**Search by Filing Number**

Display number of items to view:

25 items



per page

[Clear search fields](#)

[Search Corporations](#)

# Register for a conference

- ✓ Fill out personal information? No, it's already there if you're a member.
- ✓ Pay online
- ✓ Register for hotel? Click the link.
- ✓ See the schedule AND make suggestions
- ✓ Need to find out who can share a ride from the airport? Just ask on the comment section.

# Registration: Login and your info is already there...well, it will be soon

Please Fill In The Registration Info Below:

\* = Required Fields

## Participant Information:

\* First Name:  M.I.

\* Last Name:

\* Gender:

\* Address:

\* City:

\* State:

\* Zip:

\* Daytime Phone:  Type:   
(e.g. ###-###-####)

\* Evening Phone:  Type:   
(e.g. ###-###-####)

Cell Phone:   
(e.g. ###-###-####)

\* Birth Date: MM  DD  YYYY

\* Email Address:

## Emergency Contact Information:

\* Contact:

\* Relationship:

\* Day Phone:   Same As Daytime #  Same As Evening #

\* Evening Phone:   Same As Daytime #  Same As Evening #



# Pay with PayPal or Credit Card

Purpose	Donation amount	Make This Recurring (Monthly)	Total
Donation to First Parish Church of Stow and Acton	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$0.00 USD</b>

## Pay with Credit Card or Log In







Country:

First Name:

Last Name:

Credit Card Number:

Payment Type:    

Expiration Date:  /  CSC:  [What's this?](#)

Billing Address Line 1:

Billing Address Line 2:

(optional)

City:

State:

ZIP code:

Home Telephone:

555-555-1234

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Account Security Notifications



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## Payments

We'll let you know when you

Send money



Request money



Receive a payment



Make a purchase in store



## Offers

We'll let you know when

Offers are expiring



# We can do it!

