Dear TMS Alumni and Friends of TMS,

2017 Third and Fourth Quarter TMSAANA Board Update

With our very best wishes to you and your families for the Holiday Season, your Board is pleased to share with you this short update.

We first wish to remember the passing of two illustrious TMS alumni - Ato Habte Selassie Tafesse, the father of Ethiopian Tourism and creator of the Ethiopian tourism maxim "Thirteen Months of Sunshine" and Ato Samuel Ferenji, the renowned journalist, TV Newsman and Director General of the Ethiopian Television. May their soul (and of other alumni whose passing we are not aware of) Rest in Peace.

Election of New Board Members: As the Board Nominations Committee chairman, Ato Bayou Tadesse informed you in November, despite repeated calls for nominations of candidates to the Third TMSAANA Board, no candidate has volunteered or been nominated. Two Board members, Vice-President Alem Wolde Hawariat and Treasurer Temesgen Petros have served more than 5 years having extended their term of service twice. The rest of us finished our three years term in November 2017. The current Board has accepted the request of the Nominations Committee to stay on until the May 2018 next TMSAANA General Assembly. We urge alumni to volunteer for the various Board posts to ensure the continuation of TMSAANA’s achievements.

TMSAANA Scholarship Tuition and Financial Support to Female Students:
TMSAANA recently paid a total of 181,750 Birr (US $6,787.97, equal to annual payment of 57 alumni) for:

- Tuition support for 400 students: 60,000 Birr
- Assistance (monthly hygiene) for 400 girls: 120,000 Birr
- Housing Allowance for one female student: 1,750 Birr.

Your continued support to ensure TMSAANA’s sustained support is critical.
Tafari Makonnen School (TMS) Name Restoration: The Board and some alumni continue to follow-up this long standing request, which has not still received resolution from the City Administration. Alumni who may be visiting Addis Ababa during the holidays can contact the Board for info on how to add their support for the TMS name restoration request and also make arrangement to visit our alma mater.

TMS Water Fountain: A plaque was mounted last month on the TMS water fountain displaying the memorable water fountain’s restoration by TMSACA and TMSAANA. More pictures on TMSAANA website.

2017 Annual Membership Contribution:
To-date, 54 alumni or 24% of members, have paid their 2017 annual membership of $120.00. A few alumni have made sizable generous contributions while 14 alumni made multi-year (2-20 years) payments. The 2017 payees is lower than 2016 (59) and falls short of our target of 50% membership payment.

Please send your 2017 payment, preferably before year-end, (and/or the 2018 payment) through either:
1) PayPal: Available on www.tmsaana.com or alumni@tmsaana.com
2) Check: TMSAANA c/o Temesgen Petros, 6263 Willowfield Way, Springfield, VA 22150, or
3) Bank Transfer: TMSAANA TD Bank Acct. No. 426-440-8216 (copy to temu.petros@gmail.com).

With our best wishes for a happy 2018,
Bisrat Aklilu, President

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