Alhaji Lanre Oladega

2010 ANOG Image & Service Award Recipient

Alhaji Olanrewaju Lateef Oladega was born in Lagos, Nigeria. He earned an MBA degree and also an Oracle Certified Professional. Alhaji Oladega currently works with the State of Georgia as an Information Technology Specialist managing the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) database projects for the past 9 years with high professional standard and etiquette to the public and the agency he serves.

In the Nigerian community where is he well known for his commitment to humanitarian causes, Alhaji Oladega is not only a member but served in key positions in the following Nigerian Community organizations:

1. Eko Club Atlanta (10 years as member, 6 years as the General Secretary).
2. Eko Club International (10 years as a member and 4 years as the General Secretary)
3. Alliance of Nigerian Organization (6 years as member and 4 year as the General Secretary)
4. Nasir-Llah Organization of Atlanta (10 years as member and 5 years as the PRO)

Alhaji Lanre Oladega's leadership and organizational skills eventually proves beneficiary to all these organizations when he took over and served as the general secretary. His selflessness and commitments helped all these Nigerian based organizations grow and got recognized within the American community and back in Nigeria. He made sure that motivational and effective communication which is a key essential ingredient to the advancement of any group in any community was not lacking in the organizations he served.

Alhaji Lanre Oladega brought the real meaning of selfless service to the Nigerian community all over. He never says no to what must be achieved by any of the groups he served. He is an epitome of a humble dedicated Nigerian in the diaspora who will take care of other people's need before his. He is constantly seeking new areas of knowledge that he can utilize to the benefit of the Nigerian communities. He ensured as General Secretary and Public Relations Officer and much more, that different software and technology was used to tell and make the world see Nigerians in the diaspora in the best positive light. Most importantly is that this amiable personality enshrined the importance of Nigerian working together as a people. Below are some services and contributions these organizations were able to provide to their various communities in Atlanta, USA and Nigeria when Alhaji Lanre Oladega was coordinating their activities and projects:

- EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT: Donation of computers to the Lagos State University (LASU)
- HEALTHCARE: A yearly medical mission to Lagos! The mission of hope as it was christened, is a project that assemble healthcare professionals that include surgeons, medical doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, medicines, medical supplies and others who travel to Lagos State, Nigeria to provide free health care services to the underprivileged.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE: Eko Club Thanksgiving and feeding of the homeless! The Eko Club feeding of the homeless is another project that exemplified the Organization's commitment towards giving back to the community. Annually, homeless people in the community are gathered in a location where they were fed and presented with both monetary gift and clothing items.
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: This is one of the programs embarked upon by Eko Club to assist unemployed graduates of Eko Club family members in Lagos. ECI collaborated with the Lagos State Government and got employment for unemployed youths.
- COMMUNICATION: Co-coordinator of the meeting between ANOG and Delta Airlines to attend to the complaints of Nigerians and improve the route service between Atlanta and Lagos.
- COMMUNICATION: Worked on press release to denounced attempted terrorist act by Umar Mutallab, a Nigerian on board Northwest/Delta Airline Flight #253 from Amsterdam to Detroit
- COMMUNICATION: co-coordinator of organizing 7 Nigerian panelists for an interactive session on CNN about attempted terrorist act by Umar Mutallab, a Nigerian on board Northwest/Delta Airline
- HUMANITARIAN: Donations of toys, clothing wares & gifts to Children Hospital of Atlanta & others

Alhaji Lanre Oladega is happily married to his lovely wife of over 18 years, Hajia Biola Oladega and they are blessed with 3 lovely children (Yetunde, Abolore and Lanre Jr).