

Our Mission

Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa was established in 2001 with the goal of preserving and promoting Yoruba cultural heritage, values and traditions while protecting and assisting in the well-being of individual members in good standing with the association.

Yoruba Health Initiative – YHI Update

This year, members of the YHI Committee focused on the High Blood Pressure monitoring project in Ondo and Ekiti State, Nigeria. To achieve this goal, HBP monitoring equipments were delivered to two hospitals; , including St Louis Catholic Hospital, Owo, Ondo State and Ile Abiye Hospital in Ado Ekiti. The implementation of this project was based on a strong partnership with the two hospitals. We are grateful to the YHI Committee for keeping this initiative going. Committee members include Dr Bankole Adams, Dr Olu Agboola, Mrs Tinu Lawuyi, Dr Olusola Womiloju, Ms Basira Bashorun and Ms. Bisi Bashorun.



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Season's Greetings

It has been a great year in our community and we are blessed to have individuals who have the passion and the dedication to serve others!

We recognize that the success of our community depends on the contributions that each of us can make. A Yoruba adage says: "àgbájo owó la fí n so àyà, ajoji owo kan ko gberu d'ori". It simply means we can not do everything alone. We need to continue to work together.

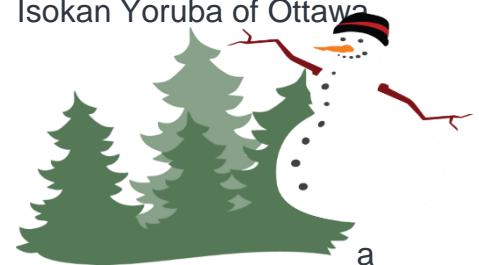
Earlier this year, we celebrated the retirement of three of our members who remain actively engaged in serving our community.

Madam Olubisi Bashorun retired from the federal public service after 31 years of service. Mrs. Obasola Fasoyinu retired from Sears Canada after 23 years of dedicated service. Mr. Moses Abayomi Pratt retired from the Catholic School board after 29 years of dedicated service as an educator.

As we take stock of our individual and collective achievements this year, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous new year 2019.

Best wishes,

The Executive Team
Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa





Retirement Celebration @ Fumi Restaurant - June 2018



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(From L to R: Dr Fasoyinu, Mrs Fasoyinu, Ms Bashorun, Mrs Pratt, Mr Pratt)



End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2018
Yoruba School Children with Mrs Garber

What We Heard – Survey Results

- More than 70% of survey respondents participate in Isokan Yoruba activities so as to contribute to community development
- Most survey respondents want Isokan Yoruba to build an engaged, inclusive and influential community while strengthening youth engagement and mentoring
- More than 65% of respondents considers the association to be extremely important or very important to our children’s education and career development
- 75% of respondents expect the association to support mentoring opportunities for youths
- Our Youth Coordinator, Mrs Modupe Ajayi with the support of Mr Kunle Ibitoye are leading efforts to begin youth engagement in 2019.

Yoruba School

- The Yoruba School as part of the International Language Program of Ottawa Catholic School Board continues to be of major benefit to our community.
- The school is open to all children from JK to Grade 8. Our gratitude goes to Mrs Afolake Garber, the Yoruba School teacher and members of the Yoruba School Committee for their enduring interest in keeping this opportunity open to our children.



End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2018
Isokan Yoruba Cultural Dance Group led by Mrs Fasoyinu



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Celebration of Mummy Tinu Lawuyi's 70th Birthday
at RCCG Overcomer Chapel - Oct 2018

Merry Christmas



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