

A Glimpse of Zethiopia's Anniversary Gala

Zethiopia also covers the life stories and outstanding deeds of high achieving, high-ranking Ethiopians whose talents, ambition and determination has led them far. In addition to covering the achievements of such people, Zethiopia wishes to act as a medium to bring these outstanding individuals and their inspirational stories to the public.



Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie HaileSelassie, & The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy at Zethiopia event, 2005

Amongst some of the distinguished guests that have honored us with their presence at pervious events

- The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland,
- Elijah E. Cummings, Congressman, member and former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus
- His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie, President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia, and Her Imperial Highness Princess Mahzente Hapte-Mariam.
- Dr. Lemma W. Senbet, The William E. Mayer Chair Professor of Finance Chair, Finance Department Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park and
- Dr. Brooke Lakew, Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Astrophysicist, who has worked for 20 years on the NASA space Mission.
- Mr. John B. Muleta, the former Chief of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wireless Bureau (WTB)
- Mrs. Amsale Geletu Prominent Businesswoman, who has recognized by the White House as "business person" of the year. in 2001.
- Founders and Board members of the Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora (SEED)
- Dr Anbssie Tedla, Medical Director of Nile Health Center -the largest medical institution in the greater Washington DC metro area operated by Ethiopian medical professionals.
- Members of the Dama Family
- Dr. Basliel Wolde Gabriel; His field of specialization includes Cancer Research, Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine (Parasitology).
- Bereket Woldu, Vice President, Colonial Pkg. Inc.
- Mr. Noah Semara Chairman & Chief Executive Officer World Space, Incorporated
- Mrs. Zed Wondemu, Prominent Businesswoman, a member of the National Restaurant Association of America;
- Negussie Mengesha, veteran journalist and current program director, Africa Division, Voice of America (VOA), founder and former head of the Amharic section, VOA, former head of the Amharic section, Deutsche Welle;
- Tibebe Tilahun, founder and CEO of Wisdom Corporation, the first Ethiopian business venture to successfully develop into a franchise;
- Dr Berhanu Abegaz is Professor of Economics at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Ephrem Girma and Mike Endale, the dynamic duo at the head of that creative machine called Blen Inc.;
- Meskerem Bekele, a stand-up comedian and astute social commentator; and,
- The eight founders and board members of The Ethiopian Women for Peace and Development (EWPDP).
- 20. Ms. Yeshiemebet Belay (Tutu) President and publisher of the Ethiopian Yellow Pages. a prominent businesswoman who has built a solid reputation among the Ethiopian community in the US.
- Mr. Asrate Teffera Africa MR. Asrate Teffera and his wife Mrs. Askale Shiferaw, shipped Number of Containers to Ethiopia every year. Asrate has been working in different National and International organizations for the last 17 years.
- & many Others



Renowned Writer and Journalist Mr. Mulugeta Lule



Dr Berhanu Abegaz



Patrick Plonski, Executive Director book for africa (Ex Officio)



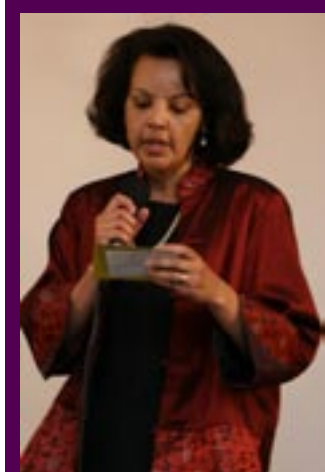
Dr. Basliel Wolde Gabriel



Mr. Asrate Teffera



Mr. Ayana Abera



Mrs. Tsedale Assefa



Dr Tedla W/Giorgis



Mrs. Amsale Geletu



Dr. Lemma W. Senbet (Right), with Prince Ermias S. Haile Selassie, & Kathleen Kennedy



Members of the Dama Family

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Anniversary Gala



It's my honor to be here this evening. & I just want take a few moment to thank Zethiopia,... & for all of you for being here this evening.... I often said, so often we come or go to our community to see things we don't like. So many times what we do is WE COMPLAIN, over and over and over again. As a matter of fact we became a part of the PPP. The Pity Party Professionals:- complaining, complaining, complaining, but ever making a phone call, not ever marching, but yet we complain, and then years passes by; and things have not gotten better. That's why I take my few moments to salute these women. I thank you for being standing up when others may have sitting down. I thank you so much.

Congress Man, Elijah E. Cummings, a former Chairman and current member of the Congressional Black Caucus, praises the founders and board members of The Ethiopian Women for Peace and Development (EWPD) , at Zethiopia 5th Anniversary gala, Nov 2007. Different awards and honors have been given in the last events of Zethiopia.

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Dr Brook Lakew



Mr. Bereket Woldu





Founders and Board members of the Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora (SEED) at Zethiopia event

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When Dr. Melaku Lakew gathered people like Aklilu Demissie, Tadesse Goshime, Shawel Beyene, Markos Mulugeta, Yaregal Gebreyesus and Wondem Teferra to form what became known as the Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora (SEED) in 1993 their objective was to promote Ethiopia and anything Ethiopian to the public in the west and correct some of the misperceptions about this country and its people that are widely found among Americans and Europeans. It has been doing so through variety of programs including annual dinners for recognitions and awards, quarterly newsletter, and an online interactive database. The annual dinner, which takes place in May of every year, provides an opportunity to bestow on those Ethiopians both at home and in Diaspora whose distinguished record beckons praise and admiration.



Dr. Melaku Lakew



Mr. Negussie Mengesha



Mr. Noah Semara



Mr. John B. Muleta



Prince Ermias S. HaileSelassie, & Kathleen Kennedy, with her daughter Kate



Princess Mahisente Habte Mariam



Mr. Addisu Abebe



Ms. Yeshiemebet Belay



On the occasion of handing over the Zethiopia award to the members of the Dama family (Mrs Yeshi & Almaz Dama (center) with Prince Ermias S. HaileSelassie, & Kathleen Kennedy



Mr. Tibebe Tilahun



Dr. Bisrat Hailemeskel



Mr. Chris Kurtz



Dr. Anbssie Tedla



Mrs. Zed Wondemu



Ephrem Girma and Mike Endale



Mrs. Tizta Belachew

Reflection on the Good Old Days

Kennedy-Haile Selassie Era



Pictures by Mekonen Ayele

To present the Ethio-American relations, during the Kennedy-Haile Selassie Era, on November 19/2005, at Zethiopia 3rd Anniversary Gala, Zethiopia screened a rarely seen footage of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie's Vist to the US. The following was Kathleen Kennedy Townsend's, remarks on the video

"So I thought it was great to be with you tonight, and be able to tell about how we have all these strong connections between Ethiopia & and the Kennedy family and the family of Haile Selassie."

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...Although this the tough time, and to tell you the truth, I can relate to it. It is a tough time for American cultures as well, but we have to keep it a alive, because the history of Ethiopia is unique in the history of the world.

The other thing I want to say, you know, when I took this long

walk with my grand mother, I heard over and over and over again, how much my grand mother was there, went to Haile Selassie's birthday. And while we walking to my grand mothers house...she died when she was 105, but she walking to our house, the first picture you see her & Haile Selassie she put it in absolute bigger place in prominence and if you go to the upstairs 2nd floor right next to her bedroom, she got two more pictures of Haile-Selassie So I had to tell you when she described what she wore how she choose her dress what jewelry she wore..... she was so excited about meeting him. So I thought it was great to be with you tonight, and be able to tell about how we have all these strong connections between Ethiopia & and the Kennedy family and the family of Haile Selassie. Thank you

Mrs. Townsend is Chair of the Institute for Human Virology at the University of Maryland and currently serves on the boards of directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Center for American Progress, Points of Light Foundation, National Catholic Reporter, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, the Character Education Partnership. She is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and the Inter- American Dialogue.

Tilhaun Gessese

He's death is truly a great tragedy that will affect all of Us. He will certainly be remembered!

The Legendary Star Tilahun Gessese On the occasion of handing over the Zethiopia award to Founders and Board members of the Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora (SEED), NOVEMBER 2006.



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The Legendary Star Tilhaun Gessese with Artist Tamagn Beyene at Zethiopia Event



Artist Alemtshey Wodajo



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Mr. Siben Tessfa

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