

**GAS Meeting
September 16, 2006
Akoto Residence**

- I. Run to Feed the Hungry – on Thanksgiving morning from 7:30-11:30am. Looking for a team to run as well as volunteer. **Volunteers so far:** Morgan Addison and Mamaa Aidam; **Runners so far:** Alex Akoto, Manny Aidam, Jessica Bannerman-Richter.

- II. One Root festival is being held today and tomorrow in Roseville

- III. Elections will be held in November for President, Vice President and Treasurer

- IV. GAS Independence Day Celebrations
 - A. Alex will talk to Uwazie regarding what is possible in terms of what we need (eg. facilities, etc.) for panel and black tie event
 - B. Suggested we “piggy back” on someone else’s event in substitution for our own full-blown day in the park. Maybe have a “Ghana booth” at someone else’s event, especially during black history month.
 - C. Also suggested that we have our own “picnic” and then do Ghana related events and we can promote black tie event.
 - D. Blake (Food Bank) offered to do some collaboration with GAS; they can get things donated and may be able to help with charity we pick in Ghana. They may also be able to help with other aspects of Indep. Day
 - E. Jessica recommended Longevity Project as a potential recipient; Alex indicated we need info from Longevity and Jessica will provide the link info to the website
 - F. Collaboration with Stockton Assn. – the Stockton Assn. will support us in putting on events; it was also suggested that we could do some simultaneous activities, eg. a panel here and at the same time another panel in Stockton.
 - G. Bay Area Ghanaians – Alex notes we’ve asked for a contact person to work with. George Djan knows of two and will give the contact info; George things they will be more than ready to work with us.
 - H. Manny suggested a few things:
 - 1. re-establish contact with Capitol Public Radio; Alex has been in contact with them regarding volunteering. He’ll find out what it takes to get some publicity about our event.
 - 2. Set up display in one of the libraries (preferably Central library downtown) to publicize our event
 - 3. TV stations should be contacted as well as public access

Committee Sign Ups (so far):

Publicity: Manny Aidam, George Djan, Jessica Bannerman-Richter

Decorating: Jessica Bannerman-Richter, Mamaa Aidam

Planning/Prog: Mamaa Aidam

Food & Drink: Manny Aidam, Morgan Addison

Hospitality: Osam Dadzie

Deadlines:

September 30th – updates on all contacts and draft of what we want

October 28th – Program set

We need to use word of mouth to spark interest of those normally uninvolved.

George suggested we touch base with HISP at McClatchy H.S..

Alex will talk to the Catholic Diocese.

Meeting adjourned.