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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MEDICINE:

CHIEF DR. O.R. LONGJOHN

Born on the 24th of October 1935 at Abalamabie in Bonny Local Government Area of River State, he had his formal education at Government School Bonny, King's College Lagos and University College Ibadan, graduating MBBS, London on April 1962. After post graduate education at the Royal College of Surgeon, England, and ASCON Bagauda Kano, he obtained FRCS Edinburgh 1970, FMCS Nig 1972, FWACS 1973 and FICS 1978. He devoted his life for service to humanity. Dr. O. R. Longjohn is an illustrious and multi talented Ibani man. He excelled in anything he put his mind into. He is being specifically recognized for being the first Bonny Surgeon, and for plying the trade in such a way that made all that came in contact with him, to say that he was arguably the best surgeon amongst his peers. He was Chief Medical Director of University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital Port Harcourt and chairman of Amin Kano University Teaching Hospital. He brought honour and recognition to his homeland Bonny through his profession. Chief Longjohn is a cultural icon and a solid community advocate.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HISTORY THROUGH ART:

J. A. GREEN

Jonathan Adagogo Green was the first professional Photographer in Nigeria, born in 1873. His works of art adorn museums and art collections in Nigeria and around the world. The photographs he took in the 1800's are reputed to compare favorably with digital photographs of today. His works have helped to preserve much of the history of pre-colonial and colonial Nigeria. He was a brilliant Ibani star. He continues to bring honour and recognition to Bonny through the art he practiced so well more than a century ago! He was the son of Chief Sunju Dublin Green, who worked closely with foreign traders and missionaries. His works are in major collections in the British Museum, London; Rhodes House, Oxford; Merseyside Maritime Museum, Liverpool; Unilever Archives, Port Sunlight; Manchester University Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester and the National Museum of African Art, in Washington D.C USA.



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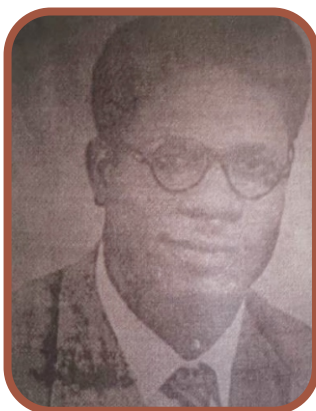
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SERVICE TO GOD AND HUMANITY:

BISHOP E.T DIMIEARI

Bishop Ebenezer Tamunoteghe Dimicari, a distinguished Bonny Bishop, nationalist, parliamentarian, theologian, philanthropist and ecumenical leader; was born at Georgekiri, Bonny on the 27th of September 1890. On April 27th 1952 he was enthroned as the inaugural Diocesan of the Niger Delta Diocese. He was the first indigenous Bishop of the Niger Delta, the first Nigerian to be appointed CBE by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England in 1956. He later went on to electrify the Diocesan Cathedral at a personal cost to him. He adopted well over 85 children from around the country and called them his rainbow. He labored for the benefits of the oppressed and will always be considered our most reverent Bishop.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD EDUCATION:

AMAOPUSENIBO N. A. I. WARIBERE

Born 5/16/1924 a Arugbanama, Bonny. Educated at Bonny Government school, Bonny, St. Mark's College, Awka and University of Nigeria, Nsukka. His academic Brilliance made the First Bonny Scholarship Board and SPDC to sponsor his education at the University level. Waribere a true Bonny patriot, put his soul, mind and body into his work as Principal of Bonny National Grammar School. At BNGS his first batch of students in the WASC exam had a passing score of 98.4%, the best in the state! He is with good reason regarded as the best Principal of BNGS. His former students at BNGS constitute the largest group of Bonny youth doing well today in different walks of life in and outside the shores of Nigeria.



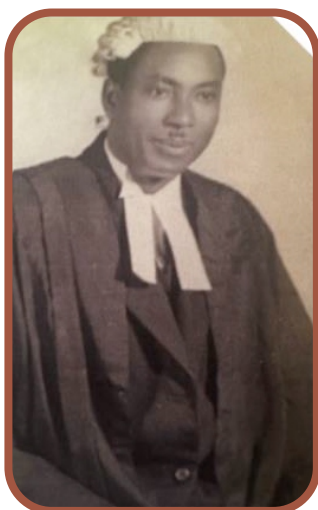
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B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - LAW:

CHIEF R.T. E. DAPPA WILCOX

Chief R.T.E. Dappa Wilcox was born in 1901 at Peterside, Bonny. He was the father of Chief Dappaa Birive. Some of his notable achievements were: Spearheading the formation of the Ijaw people's league in 1943 at Enitonna High School in Port Harcourt. He was elected as the first President General of the Ijaw People's League. He rightly is the father of Ijaw nationalism and Consciousness. He Studied law in the United Kingdom and graduated with an LLB in June 1948, and became the first lawyer of Ijaw ethnic Stock. In 1952 he was made the first Chancellor of the Niger Delta Diocese. He is the first Nigerian to be awarded the MVO by the Queen of England. He was the first Chief Magistrate of jaw Origin. He later passed to the bosom of the Lord on May 8th 1964.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - CULTURE:

AMAOPUSENIBO WILSON JUMBO

Wilson jumbo is a traditionalist and lover of Ibani songs and cultural performances. He revived and continues to maintain the Abara dance group in Bonny. Many young men and women in Bonny have been encouraged by him to develop an interest in Ibani cultural dances. He is a patriot.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-BUSINESS:

CHIEF REGINALD F P ABBEY HART

Chief Reginald Abbey Hart trained as a Banker. He excelled in his chosen career and rose to the headship of several Banks and financial institutions in Nigeria. He is for good reason often called banking giant and a captain of industry in Bonny. He is a traditional ruler with many accomplishments. He is an urbane and fine gentleman. He is a modern Bonny patriot.



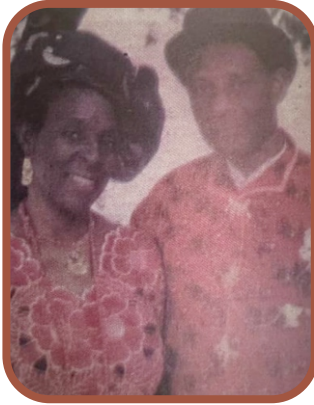
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B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-HEALTH: SIR ELLIS .A. WILCOX

Ellis A.L Wilcox was Born on the 12th of April 1924, at Peterside Bonny. He graduated from the Yaba College of Pharmacy in 1947. Ellis Wilcox trained as a Pharmacist, who put excellence into everything he did both in and outside his profession. He was called the "Peoples Doctor" because he treated all the common illnesses that were brought before him. He freely gave his services and medicines to the indigent among us. He was a rallying point and inspiration to the Pharmaceutical profession in Rivers State. He is credited with the formation of the Pharmaceutical society in Rivers State. He was a philanthropist and a Bonny patriot.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - EDUCATION:

AMA OPUSENIBO SIR PROFESSOR EDWARD OPUADA IWO NTE BANIGO.

The First citizen of Ancient Grand Bonny Kingdom to attain the rank of Full Professor in the academia: Ama-Opusenibo Sir Professor Edward Opuada Iwo-Nte Banigo, B.Sc. (Special) Chemistry (London), Ph.D. Food Science & Technology (Leeds), Diploma in Chemical Engineering (Aston, Birmingham), Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Food science and Technology (ENIFST), Knight of the Sacred Order of Saint Christopher (KSC, Anglican Diocese of Owerri). Professor Banigo, born 23 November, 1939, is the third son (fifth child in a family of six of Ada James Iwo Nte Banigo and Mrs. Lucy Iparamuma Nte Banigo (nee Akan Pepple), both of blessed memory. He attended Duke Town School, Calabar, Hope Waddell Training Institution, Calabar, the University College, Ibadan/University of Ibadan, the University of Leeds, England and the Aston in Birmingham, England. He is the Pioneer/Foundation Professor of Food Processing Technology (and one of the founding fathers of the renowned Federal University of technology, Owerri (FUTO) First Professor in Bonny Kingdom and Second Vice-Chancellor/Chief Executive, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Former President of Bonny Community Front (the Bonny Think-Tank), A licensed lay reader in the Anglican Communion. An intellectual asset of the Ancient Grand Bonny Kingdom, an erudite scholar and researcher, an accomplished administrator/technocra



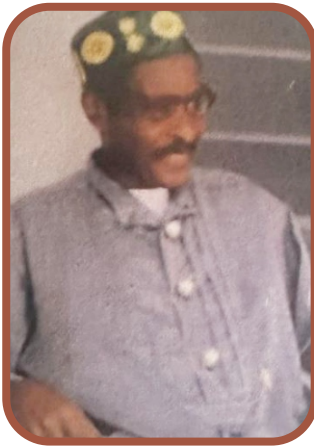
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B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - BONNY COMMUNITY ADVOCATE:

AMAOPUSENIBO S A GREEN

Amaopusenibo. Spurgeon A. Green was born at Peterside on September 17th, 1915. He attended Bonny Government School (1930-1937) GCE, Overseas Postal Tuition. Bennett Airmail College, London, 1940-1942) Associate Chartered Institute of Secretaries ACIS. Joined the Royal West African Frontier Force as an Orderly (1942-1944). Employed by the United African Company (UAC) of Nigeria, Port Harcourt-1970. Rose to the rank of Area Manager, Western Region of Nigeria before retiring in 1970.

Appointed Area Manager, Nigeria Cold Stores, Port Harcourt, 1970-1985. Now a Contractor with Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC Bonny 1985 till date. For many years the leader of Bonny communities in Port Harcourt, Lagos, Kano, Jos etc where he served as President of the BIA. During the Civil war, he prevailed on the Federal Government to allow food to be shipped to Bonny to avert starvation in the land. He was for many months made to personally unpack and repack every parcel in front of federal troops to prove that such parcels did not contain arms before shipment to Bonny. He started the erection of the first concrete steps and shelter for travelers at the Bonny waterside jetty in Port Harcourt. He and twenty nine others formed the first Bonny Scholarship Board. He was the first Chairman of the Bonny Employment Bureau, and Chairman of many conflict resolution committees in Bonny. He is a community advocate per excellence. He is chairman of the Bonny Historical Society and lead author of the most comprehensive book on the history of Bonny to date. In carriage, dress, speech and manners, he represents the quintessential Ibani man. He is a foremost Bonny patriot.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-HISTORY:

AMAPUSENIBO ADADONYE FOMBO

Adadonye Fombo was an author, historian, Philanthropist and a true Bonny patriot. He was a man of many accomplishments. His book 'A Chronicle of Grand Bonny' is a brilliant account of Bonny history. He was a community advocate with a sense of history. A chronicle of Grand Bonny is probably the first attempt at writing a complete history of Bonny.



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B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-EDUCATION:

PROF. ROSEMOND GREEN

Born into the family of Warisenibo, Victor Klagbo Green and Elfrida Aselebo Green of Greens Iwoama town is the Grand Bonny Kingdom of Rivers State, holds the following educational qualification; PhD (Lagos, 1995) M.Ed (Jos, 1983), B.Ed (Wales, 1981) all in science education; Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) in Chemistry and Biology combination and many other professional qualifications. Has put in creditable public service in the education sector, most note-worthy is the Rivers State College of Education where she served as Head of Department, Integrated Science through four tenures, Dean of Faculty, Science Education through three tenures, Deputy Provost, Acting

Provost till the College was upgraded to a University Status in 2009. Very prominent member (fellow in some cases) of several learned bodies, Science

Teachers Association of Nigeria (MSTAN), Nigerian institute of management (FNIM), Institute of Corporate Administration (FCAI), Institute of Public Management (FIPM) etc. Have chaired many government and institutional committees and panels and has been conferred with several national and international awards for excellence in public educational leadership and managerial role modeling. Still actively researching and credited with over a hundred (100) substantively scholarly works, spanning the full range of professional peer-reviewed and reputedly published book chapters, whole books, thoroughly assessed local and international university-based learned society journal articles and conference presentations. Prof. Rosemund Diene Green-Osahogulu is specifically the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ignatius Ajuru (Rivers State) University of Education, Rumuolumeni, and Port Harcourt. She is also the first female Vice Chancellor of Rivers State extraction, happily married to Prof. Dele Joshua Osahogulu and blessed with children.



B.I.F ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - EDUCATION:

PROF. HOWELLS I. HART

Prof Howells Idaerofagha Hant holds a B. Eng, M. Sc and PhD from University of Benin; Oklahoma State University and University of Nigeria respectively, all in Mechanical Engineering. He has had a wide experience in the private and public sectors in Nigeria, Europe and the United States of America both, in industry and the academia. At the Rivers State University of Science & Technology (RUST), Port Harcourt, Nigeria, he has been the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He has served in the last four Governing Councils of RSUST and is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rivers State Bureau for Public Procurement. Prof. Hart is an accomplished professional engineer. He is an Ibani Patriot. Prof. Hart is happily married to Mrs. Faustina Hart, also an engineer and, they have four children.