

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.

Celebrating Excellence in Community Service

In October, Mr & Mrs Abayomi Pratt were honored by Mayor Jim Watson with the Mayor's City Builder Award in recognition of outstanding community service and civic dedication to improving the quality of life of the citizens of Ottawa. The Mayor cited their extraordinary volunteer activities (Global Community Alliance) as an important contribution to building our community as a better place to live and work. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Pratt for their outstanding accomplishment and a well-deserved recognition!



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Season's Greetings

As the year draws to a close, we find ourselves with unique opportunities to reflect on the difference a year can make.

A lot has happened in our community over the past year. We have seen an increase in numbers with new people coming into the city. There has been many good and challenging times.

We have celebrated significant milestones in the lives of community members. Throughout the year, Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa continues to be there for our families.

Under our Yoruba Health Initiative, we remain in partnership with two hospitals in Nigeria – Ile Abiye Hospital in Ado-Ekiti and St. Louis Catholic Hospital in Owo, Ondo State to help deliver blood pressure monitoring clinics.

We successfully set up the Isokan Yoruba Cultural Group and raised the bar in cultural entertainment for our community.

As we look forward to the year 2020, our wish is that we will reflect on our collective achievements this year and continue to work together by building on our individual strengths to promote our community.

Finally, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2020.

Yours in Community Service,

The Executive Team
Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa





End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2019
Yoruba School Children with Pastor (Mrs) Aribido



End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2019
Isokan Yoruba Cultural Group



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Irohin Kayefi (Mock News) by Mrs Dupe Ajayi and Dr Alaba Agbatoogun

Youth School Program

- Our Yoruba School remains open to all children from JK to Grade 8.
- We are grateful to the Ottawa Catholic School Board that continues to support the Yoruba School as part of its International Language Program.
- The school is open to all interested members of the community. Membership in Isokan Yoruba of Ottawa is not a requirement.
- We encourage members of our community to take advantage of this opportunity to keep a powerful living language from dying.

Youth Engagement

- We've made great strides in our youth engagement initiative this past year.
- We encourage our youths and young adults to continue to make connections and get involved in our community building efforts
- We appreciate the dedication and leadership of our Youth Coordinator, Mrs Modupe Ajayi and the support of Mr Kunle Ibitoye as they continue to spearhead our youth engagement activities.

Isokan Yoruba Cultural Group

- We acknowledge members of Isokan Yoruba Cultural Group for taking the time out of their busy schedules to be actively engaged in the activities of the cultural group.
- They have been invited to a series of community events to perform.
- A Big Thank You to Mrs Sola Fasoyinu for leading the efforts of the cultural group.



End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2019



**End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2019
Isokan Yoruba Cultural Dance Group led by Mrs Fasoyinu**



Mr Abayomi Pratt and Mrs Kelly Pratt being honored with the Mayor's City Builder Award by Mayor Jim Watson in recognition of outstanding community service – City Hall, October 2019



End of Year Celebration at Britannia Park – Dec 2019



Celebration of Mr Dapo Bodunde's Birthday – November 2019



Celebration of Ms Basira Bashorun's Birthday – August 2019



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