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DR. Anthony Adade

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Augustine Agbenaza

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EMMANUEL DARKO

FOR NATIONAL TREASURER
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FOR NATIONAL TREASURER
ABUBAKAR ABDULAI
Yaa Amponsah Frimpong
Home Chapter - Colorado
Position: National Chairperson

Born Yaa Amponsah Gyamerah (Frimpong) at Obuasi but known as Obaa Yaa. Mrs. Frimpong is married with three teen adorable boys. Obaa Yaa, as she is affectionately called, is a product and alumnus of OKESS, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, University of Denver and Regis University-Denver. She has been in Social Work practice for the past 14 years and currently a Co-owner of Jeroyaf Accounting and Tax Services with her husband. Her passion in politics stems from a strong desire to see a world where there’s equal opportunity for all regardless of such individuals’ background and religious Affiliation, such zeal motivates her to advocate against social injustice and inequality in society.

Her love for the community inspired her to serve as Public Relations Officer for the Asanteman Association of Denver and in various capacities with the Rocky Mountain Ghana Council, an umbrella organization for Ghanaian Associations and Churches in Denver, Colorado.

As a community activist, Obaa Yaa volunteered with Colorado Africa Organization teaching English as a second language and life skills to many African Refugees immigrants in California for a USCIS funded program through CAO. She’s inspired by Margaret Thatcher selfless and relentless service to her country and the world as a whole, and with her favorite quote that says, “In Politics, if you want something said, ask a man but if you want something done ask a woman”.

As an effective communicator, Obaa Yaa is well equipped and resourced to efficiently capture the diaspora vote and to promote the vision of NPP, as a party in the Diaspora. She has worked alongside with leadership of NPP-USA on numerous issues and would reposition the NPP-USA to be at the forefront of fighting for the removal of the exclusionary rules in Article 94 (2) (a) of the 1992 Ghana Constitution. As a visionary, Obaa Yaa, intends to work harder to set up a fully functional secretariat for the Branch for its successful operations and is ready to hold the mantel of leadership that will take the great NPP-USA Branch to the next level of inclusiveness, result driven and people centered approach to leadership.
Anthony Adade has many years of executive leadership experience in the information technology industry. He is currently an Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Worcester State University, a public institution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Besides his work in higher education, he has many years of technology leadership experience in the banking industry.

Dr. Adade volunteers for numerous community service groups. A strong advocate for education and quality health care for all, he has worked with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester in establishing a free Medical Program, catering to the health needs of patients regardless of ability to pay. As a founding board chair, Dr. Adade is currently a member of the board of trustees for the St. Anne’s Free Clinic in Massachusetts. He is also board member of the African Community of the Catholic Diocese of Worcester.

Popularly referred to as Chairman, Dr. Adade is an accomplished business executive, a card-carrying member of NPP for many years, and was the first chairperson of the NPP Worcester branch, now NPP-MA chapter during its inception. He worked on the NPP MA Planning Committee during the 2016 presidential elections. Under this committee, MA adopted the Nalerigu-Gambaga constituency and helped secure victory for the NPP candidate for that seat. Dr. Adade is currently a member of NPP-USA Council of Elders. A strong advocate for ROPAA, Chairman Adade’s goal would be its implemented as prescribed by the Accra High court.

Dr. Adade’s vision is people focused, party unity and dedication to progress. He brings the vision and skills of a leader with a great deal of experience and tangible accomplishments. “Experience matters,” he says. Dr. Adade is a team-builder, with a philosophy that establishing trust is key to motivating others. He believes in a strong NPP USA party and his vision is to focus on people, party unity and dedication to progress. Vote for Dr. Anthony Adade as your next chairperson for NPP USA.
DENNIS OPPONG KYEKYEKU
Home Chapter – New Jersey
Position: 1st National Vice Chairperson

Dennis Oppong-Kyekyeku is the current acting chairman of NPP New Jersey, since last year. He was the Vice chairman of the chapter until taking the acting role late last year. He was born and raised in Kumasi in the Ashanti region. He obtained his elementary education from Prempeh primary and his secondary education at Obuasi secondary technical school. Dennis Oppong-Kyekyeku later migrated to the United States and got his A.A communications from Union county college and B.A in Science Communications from Stevens institute of technology. Dennis has a background of communications and has work for mobile giants like ATT, Vonage and working at Verizon wireless for the past 13 years. Dennis Oppong-Kyekyeku helped New Jersey chapter to open its first Nasara club as a vice chairman, and as an acting chairman he also helped the chapter to open its first NJ NPP loyal ladies. Dennis Oppong-Kyekyeku was a pooling station agent in the 1992 general elections; he was also the mobilization team coordinator for New Jersey at this past election. He was able to mobilize 15 New Jersey members to travel down to Ghana for the 2016 general elections. Dennis and his team went to three different regions (Northern, Brong Ahafo and Ashanti) to campaign for NPP. Dennis and his team were able to fight toe to toe with the ruling party NDC to wrestle the Saboba seat from NDC. Dennis as a vice, helped his chapter to raise funds for H.E Nana Addo Dankwa, H.E Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, then candidates, Hon Freda Prempeh, Hon Tina Mensah, and Hon Charles Bintim, which all of them won the presidency and their seats respectively. Dennis Oppong-Kyekyeku is vying for NPP-USA 1st Vice chairmanship position in which he intends to lead and serve the party to sustain political power. He plans to grow the grassroots and negotiate for the interests of the NPP-USA grassroots if given a chance as a 1st vice chairman. Dennis also intends to lead NPP-USA to negotiate better with government to amend the constitution to make it possible for Ghanaians in the diaspora with dual citizenship to hold high office without renouncing their acquired foreign citizenship.
Ben Agyei-Odame, BSc, MPA, is an active member of NPP-NY chapter. He grew up at Ejisu, Kumasi, Begoro and Accra Ghana. He obtained his ‘O’ and ‘A’ level certificates from Kumasi High School and a Bachelor of Science degree from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi and a diploma in military studies from the Ghana Military Academy, Accra. He obtained a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the Long Island University in New York.

Capt. Ben Agyei-Odame(Rtd) served as the chairman of the NPP-NY chapter electoral committee in 2014. He also played an active role in mobilizing logistical support to Ketu South constituency during the run-up to the 2016 general election in Ghana which saw the NPP making a positive impact in that constituency.

Capt. Odame wishes to state that after his dedicated service to mother Ghana, he wants to avail himself to serve our great party. He is committed to the NPP government efforts to revamp the private sector to help boost the economy, and also create job opportunities for the people.

He wants to create a very effective networking and collaboration between party executives and those in positions of authority in Ghana to encourage more members in the diaspora to invest in Ghana.
Dr. Tina Abrefa-Gyan
Home Chapter: Washington DC
Position: National 1st Vice Chairperson

Tina Abrefa-Gyan, PhD, is currently the National Deputy Secretary of NPP-USA and the Vice Chair (Ag) for the Washington, DC Metro Area Chapter. She was born in Tamale to her father and mother who are from Wenchi and Dormaa Ahenkro in the Brong/Ahafo region respectively. Dr. Abrefa-Gyan grew up in Sunyani, obtained her primary and Junior Secondary School (JSS) education from Ridge Experimental School in Sunyani and completed Senior Secondary School at Mfantsiman Girls in Saltpond (Akyemfo). She completed her PhD at the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work, Master’s in Social Work (MSW) at Washington University in St. Louis, and Bachelors’ degree in Social Work and Psychology at the University of Ghana, Legon. Career wise, she is an Assistant Professor at Norfolk State University in VA. Her post–MSW experiences include working at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs-Division for the Advancement of Women (DESA-DAW) and clinical practice at the Hopewell Agency in St. Louis, Missouri. She is has the expertise, leadership, experience, training, and motivation necessary to successfully lead any organization in pursuing its goals, policies, and objectives. Most importantly, NPP-USA is a strategic branch of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) and requires humble, capable, and dedicated leadership to meet its grand challenges.

Dr. Abrefa-Gyan wants to serve, lead, unite, and empower the NPP-USA to continue to partner with NPP-Ghana for transgenerational electoral victories in Ghana and transform the nation from poor to rich. Dr. Abrefa-Gyan has served the NPP-USA in various capacities at both the local and national levels and I am eager to serve again as the First Vice Chair of the NPP-USA if I am given the mandate to do so. In this defining moment of history, Dr. Abrefa-Gyan is poised to lead the NPP-USA to a new level of excellence, where all the members of NPP-USA will benefit from their participation in party activities.
Augustine Agbenaza  
Home Chapter: Washington DC  
Position: National Secretary

Schools Attended:
West Africa Secondary School, Accra for GCE ‘O’ level;
Bishop Herman College, Kpando for GCE ‘A’ Level;
KNUST for BA (Social Sciences) Combined Honors in Law & Economics;
Computer Learning Center, Alexandria for diploma in Programming;
Anteon Corporation Information Technology Education for Oracle Developer Certificate Program;
George Mason University Professional Education for CISCO Network.

Work Experience:
National Service at Prices & Incomes Board, Accra Ghana from 1977 – 1978;
Prices & Incomes Board Accra Ghana from 1978 -1980 as an Assistant Research Officer;
Sicpa Ink Corporation, Springfield VA from 1987 to 1989 for Security Ink Quality Control;
Landmark Financial Services, Alexandria from 1990 – 1998 as Database Administrator;
Town & Country Financial Services from 1998 – 2008 as Mortgage manager;
Private business and part-time work at AYS Consultancy from 2009 to date.
Emmanuel Kwame Darko, CPA, is the current renowned Treasurer of NPP-USA Charlotte Chapter since the inception of the chapter in 2012. He was born and raised in the Golden City, Obuasi. He earned his Master of Accountancy (MACC), Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC). He is an alumnus of Opoku Ware School. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in NC, and works as an internal auditor of a financial institution.

Mr. Darko was one of the exuberant young people who pioneered the Charlotte Chapter with Dr. Fred Kyei Asamoah (Executive Director of COVET and 1st Vice Chair of NPP-USA). He has served in various unofficial roles in the Chapter to engage members and synthesizers. In 2014, he was the dynamic man who handled the financial process of the delegate fees to the National Congress in Charlotte. His accounting and financial apt has contributed numerously to the success of the Charlotte Chapter and NPP-USA while in opposition. His innovative strategies able his chapter to collect about 110% pledge/fundraising receivables. This is an outstanding effort and achievement for the chapter and the Party.

Mr. Darko plans to bring accountability and transparency in the affairs to the same people who enable the branch. NPP-USA and NPP need someone with strong accounting and party experience to ensure that the Party continues to stay in power, and able accountability to the same people who put NPP in government. Mr. Darko stated that his innovative millennial agenda will continue to champion the success of NPP-USA in the 2016 electoral victory in Ghana and sustain the power in 2020 and beyond.
My name is Dr Kwasi Gyan Ayim-Darko aka Captain Billy. I currently reside in Douglasville, Georgia. I am in my early 50’s with a wife and four children (one boy and three girls). I currently work in the health field and also an entrepreneur. My wife and I started our first business 9 years ago from a flea market and now we are in a 5000 square foot store. I am a card bearing member of NPP-USA and a staunch member of the Atlanta Branch. I am the current NPP-USA Deputy National Treasurer a National Executive Committee (NEC) member of NPP-USA and Acting Chairman of Atlanta Chapter. I am the current Chairman of Otumiman Association of North America. It is a non-profit organization which helps the development of the town. A member of APhA* and GPhA**.

I am a Pharmacist by profession with Doctor of Pharmacy Degree “PharmD” from Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy at Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, USA. I had my secondary school education at Oda Secondary School at Akyem Oda in the Eastern Region and my elementary school education at Akyem Otumi also in the Eastern Region. I was class prefect for three out of the 5 years I spent at Odasco. I came to United States of America to continue my education. I studied at Bronx Community College (BCC) for my associate degree. At BCC I was a member of the executive committee of the college African Union. After BCC I transferred to Long Island University (LIU) to complete my PharmD degree. After I completed my degree at LIU I worked for Eckerd Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Manager at Virginia Beach, Virginia. I also worked at Giant Food and Discount Drugs at Largo, Maryland. Finally, I moved to Douglasville, Georgia with my family where I work for Walmart Health and Wellness. Politics, voluntary work, swimming, reading and music are my hobbies and interests.
Abubakar Abdulai was born in Sakogu in 1979 at the East Mamprusi District of the Northern Region to Alhaji Abdulai Musah and Hajia Salamatu Issah. At age twelve, he lost both parents and had to move Accra where he joined his senior brother. He had his primary education at Rashad Islamic School in Accra Newtown. He continued to Bethel ‘1’ Junior High School, Accra Newtown where he acquired his junior high school certificate with distinction in 1995. He was the first Muslim student to be elected the School Prefect in the predominantly non-Muslim school – the then Bethel ‘1’ JSS. In 1996, he gained admission to the Presbyterian Boy’s Senior High School-Legon, to study Agricultural Science. He was elected the president of the Ghana Muslim Academy, PRESEC Branch in 1998. In 1997-1998 academic year, he was awarded with Outstanding Performance Award in Agricultural Science among his peers. The award motivated him to work harder to pass the West African Examination Council (WAEC) exam in 1998, which he passed with distinction. He was also awarded a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance in SSSCE for 1998 academic year. In the year 2000, he gained admission to the University of Ghana to study economics, political science, sociology and history. His interest in politics started when he took courses pertaining Ghana politics at Political Science Department. He was an active member of the Mamprugu Students’ Union (MAMSU) on Legon campus. He was also an active member of Ghana Muslim Academy on Legon campus. He successfully graduated with bachelor of arts in economics from the economics department of the University of Ghana in 2004. In the same year, he moved to the United States where he pursued his Master of Science degree in Financial Economics at The State University of New York in Buffalo. He graduated in 2009 after he successfully presented dissertation on the financial markets. In 2010, he reconnected with his New Patriotic Party family in New York city where he showed great level of loyalty. He has participated in many fundraising efforts when the party was in opposition and has been part of Fundraising committees in his home branch – NPP NEW YORK. He has been the Financial Secretary of USA Nasara branch. He helped raise funds to support the Tamale Central Constituency that was adopted by the USA Nasara Club. He was also a member of the Fundraising Committee for The First International Youth Conference in New York. He was also the member of the publicity committee for the same event which success was as a result of its widely publicity. Achievements Even though he was born to peasant parents with no formal education, and after losing both parents at a very tender age, he was able to defy all odds to achieve academic excellence. He did not allow negative influence of friends in Accra Newtown consume his time and shift his focus on formal education. It is this achievement that has opened many doors of opportunities for him to stand up today to contest the NPP-USA National Treasurer position.