

Successful Celebration of our 21st Anniversary of Independence (San Jose and environs)

Eritreans from San Jose and environs enthusiastically celebrated Eritrea's 21st year anniversary with great zeal, in a colorful manner. With the opening moment of silence, to remember the thousands of our Martyrs who gave their precious and young lives, to hand over this special day, the program started with the annual message from Eritrean Embassy in Washington, DC. After enjoying the authentic dinner, prepared by the energetic NUEW, San Jose branch, the celebration was highlighted with the elderly, and the young, in cake cutting ceremony & opening champagne to mark the event.



In a tradition of San Jose that started years ago, by the San Jose's former Warsai youth group, this year's High School and College "Class of 2012" graduates, were recognized by the public and the graduates were honored certificates from Eritrean Community, by two successful Eritrean-Americans, namely Dr. Sara Dahle, a Medical Surgeon and Ms. Rahwa Ghebretense, a graduate of School of Law in Berkley who happened to be a leader of San Jose's former YES (Young Eritrean Students) Group.





The hall, decorated to the tune & motto of the event, “***Our Independence: our Dignity***”, was full to its capacity and people were enjoying the music, with the presence of the famous and legendary Sami Berhane and other musicians, in a festive and optimistic sense of better future with high hope and pride, recognizing and reflecting Eritrea’s multidisciplinary progress while musicians entertaining the crowd.



The event was very successful, considering the number of people attended, in light of last week’s big celebration in Oakland, which the famous Bereket Mengsteab and Tareke Tesfahiwet took part from all the way in Eritrea. People’s mood here was also very different, warm, conscious, very nationalistic and justifiably defiant, after witnessing the failed attempt of enemy quarters, to divide and demoralize us, in their media fiasco.



Member of our Community, Isayas Tesfamariam was also honored for his ongoing support to our Adal School in teaching language basics and also history. Besides his priceless research to Eritrea's historical past, his continued and productive education and support towards Eritrea's Soft Power and his leading role in sharing resources of history was highlighted.

In lights of these developments and other Community strengths, the people of San Jose and environs and its guests have, once again, showed their solidarity with their people at home and their governments in foiling the UNjustified and Unfair sanctions, only fabricated to reverse our rights of existence in Self Reliance and political independence, in support of mercenary and tribalist minority, Woyane Ethiopia. Eritreans once again, considering of all the sacrifices made and the position of our visionary government, despite the illegal "sanction" which has existed for more than a half century, both in covert and overt means, have resonated that We will Never Kneel Down to injustice.



Eternal Glory to our Martyrs !
Wetru Awet n'Hafash !

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