

Fifth Reunion and Fundraising event of Enderta Regional Development Association has been successfully concluded

The Boston Chapter, ERDA hosted the fifth reunion and fundraising event on June 23-24, 2012. Over 400 Members and supporters from all over the United States and Canada and most of which were Bostonian including Connecticut and Main, attended the event, which raised \$41025 , with Pledges \$2,290 and \$2,665 Online donation still being counted.

The 5th reunion serves much purpose for our organization. We had an opportunity to plan, cooperate and coordinate with similar development association and Alumni.

Our committee worked diligently to prepare the event to be successful and well organized. The committee designed a structure for fundraising representation prior to the actual event. Members promise to do donations from paying off event hall, purchasing foods and drinks for the event. American and Ethiopian members, supporters began their online donations as early as February 2012.

There was great enthusiasm among those who received invitations even when they could not participate in the event for various reasons. People already were aware that the Boston chapter, ERDA has already started working to raise money for Hidemo elementary school in Hintalo to complete its construction.

The event opened its evening with delicious Ethiopian food dinner reception prepared by our talented members and supporters. The musicians played the best of all songs. After a welcome and opening speech by Boston Chapter Chairperson, Kassa Tadesse, ERDA's President spoke on the organization accomplishments for last five years. The singers played all night with the most wonderful songs that everyone enjoyed throughout the night until the event concluded.

Next day, Sunday June 24, 2012, we prepared a picnic and welcomed everyone to a cookout in one of the famous Park "Soldiers Field Road" in Brighton, Massachusetts area. Everyone had a chance to mingle and catch-up. There was plenty of food and drinks to entertain our guests. Presentation was high, members and supporters expressed that they had great time and had a chance to see old friends and colleagues and reminisce old memories.

At the end of the cook out Manna Heshe, Kassa Tadesse followed by Hadush Shani congratulated and applaud all the members and supporters of ERDA for attending and helping Boston Chapter.

Over all, the event was very successful and was eventful. Boston Chapter will continue to support Hidemo Elementary School to be completed.

Thank you
The Boston Chapter ERDA
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