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# ABOUT US

The mission of the Tooro American Association (TAA) is to galvanize an expansive Tooro Diaspora (and Friends of Tooro) of North America to strengthen our community ties through networking, empowerment, and supporting each other; support the development and charitable programs in the Tooro sub region; and to foster a cultural understanding and restoration of Tooro values and traditions – through education and support of Tooro’s cultural institutions and programs.

## CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Greetings TAA Family,

Welcome to this 1st Tooro American Association (TAA) Convention. A few years ago, a group of visionary leaders in this community envisioned a social club - to bring us together as a community. To know each other, share information, and more importantly, to come to each other’s aid - in times of need. From that concept, TAA was born - and, officially launched in 2015 .



Today, we are the fastest growing, and the most transparent and accountable Ugandan Diaspora organization in North America. I thank the elders and other visionaries of this community for dreaming-up this beautiful idea; I thank the TAA team (Board and Executive, Pioneer Members, and Members) that has nurtured this idea to fruition; and, I thank the Tooro Diaspora Community and friends of Tooro and Uganda - for all the support. The promise and potential of TAA as a catalyst for empowering ourselves and our communities is vast. Let us harness it.

Thank you, and welcome to the Washington DC metropolitan area.  
Let’s all have a great Memorial Day Weekend.

**Albert Bakasara Kazooba**  
Chairman, TAA



# SATURDAY PROGRAM

9:00 AM	<i>Arrival and Registration/Check-in of Delegates</i>
10:45 AM	<i>Opening Ceremony - Prayer by Pastor Isaac Balinda</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Opening Remarks by TAA Executive Board Member - Dr. Andrew Nyakaana Blair</i>
11:15 AM	<i>Presentations and Panel Discussions</i> <i>Health and Life Insurance, and Financial Literacy and Services</i> <i>Embassy of Uganda Consular Services</i> <i>Uganda Diaspora Investment Opportunities</i> <i>Non Profit Partnerships and Diaspora Services - World Remit</i>
1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:00 PM	<i>Presentations and Panel Discussions Resume</i> <i>Immigration</i> <i>Education, Culture, and Youth Development</i> <i>Fundraising for Non-Profit Opportunities</i>
4:00 PM	<i>TAA General Meeting, and Election of Board and Executive Officers</i>
5:00 PM	<i>Evening Break</i>
8.00 PM	<i>Opening of the Ceremony by MCs - Dr. Nyakaana Blair and Ms. Felly Kaboyo; Arrival and Seating of Delegates and Guests</i>
8:30 PM	<i>Prayer by Pastor Isaac Balinda - Followed by National Anthems (USA, UGANDA, TOORO); Dinner Served – Traditional Dancing and Entertainment</i>
8:50 PM	<i>Entertainment</i>
9:30 PM	<i>Presentations and Speeches</i> <i>Ms. Sylvia Kakyo – Youth Representative from Tooro People's Conference (TPC)</i>
9:50 PM	<i>Non Profit Partnerships and Diaspora Services - World Remit</i>
10:20 PM	<i>Message from the King of Tooro, H.M. Dr. Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV</i> <i>Traditional Dancing and Entertainment, and DJ</i>
2:00 AM	<i>Close</i>

*Thank you for being part of this memorable event, we do hope you have a wonderful time!*

# SUNDAY PROGRAM

12:30 PM	<i>Arrival of Delegates and Guests</i>
1:00 PM	<i>Start of Family Picnic at Fairland Recreational Park Grounds</i>
1:30 PM	<i>Start of Soccer Match Between (Tooro Lions) and Buganda (Ggwanga United)</i>
4:00 PM	<i>End of Soccer Match, and Presentation of Trophy</i>
4:30 PM	<i>Evening Break</i>
8:00 PM	<i>Opening by MCs - Dr. Nyakaana Blair and Ms. Felly Kaboyo; Arrival and Seating of Delegates and Guests</i>
8:30 PM	<i>Prayer by Pastor Isaac Balinda - Followed by National Anthems (USA, UGANDA, TOORO) Dinner Served – Entertainment</i>
8:40 PM	<i>Remarks by TAA Chairman - Mr. Albert Bakasara</i>
8:55 PM	<i>Keynote Speech – Mrs. JaLynn Prince, Co-Founder &amp; President of Madison House Autism Foundation</i>
9:25 PM	<i>HE Amb. Mull Katende – Uganda’s Ambassador to the US</i>
9:45 PM	<i>Poetry (Reading of the Tooro Poem from Dr. Daisy Kabagarama) Non Profit Partnerships and Diaspora Services - World Remit</i>
10:10 PM	<i>Hon. Alex Ruhunda – MP Fort Portal Municipality and Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Tourism, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives</i>
10:30 PM	<i>Amb. (Ret.) Stephen Katenta-Apuli - Culture: The glue that holds us together</i>
10: 45 PM	<i>Fundraising Auction for Incubators for Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital</i>
11: 15 PM	<i>Recognitions, Introduction of New TAA Board and Executive and Brief Remarks</i>
11:30 PM	<i>Traditional Dancing and Entertainment, and DJ</i>
2:00 AM	<i>Close</i>

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## JALYNN PRINCE



JaLynn Prince began her deep fondness for Uganda after knowing Christine Mwesige and learning about the country through her eyes. JaLynn became aware of the beauty of the country as well as its history and its challenges, and along the way she developed friendships that are among her most treasured. Her love of this beautiful country and its people runs deep.

When Christine died young of a brain tumor, JaLynn travelled to Fort Portal to pay her respects to the family and to visit Christine's resting place. Since then many relationships developed and she has travelled back to Uganda twice to be a guest at the Coronation of H.R.H. King Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV of the Kingdom of Toro, as well as for the wedding of his sister, H.R.H. Princess Ruth Nsemere Komuntale.

JaLynn Prince is Co-Founder and President of Madison House Autism Foundation, one of the first and only organizations in this country working exclusively on the issues facing adults on the autism spectrum. In that role she works on nationwide topics of housing, employment, education, awareness, medical services, and safety concerns involving individuals on the spectrum and matters confronting family members dealing with autism. The Foundation was recently gifted a 400-acre farm in Montgomery County, Maryland, which is serving as an inclusive place for workforce development, respite, therapeutic riding, agricultural involvement and eventually, housing for adults on the autism spectrum.

Prior to the creation of Madison House Autism Foundation, Mrs. Prince worked in broadcasting, management consulting, as a press secretary on Capitol Hill, public relations, community development, and as an arts administrator. Mrs. Prince's first foray into business began while still in college. She is also a global photographer/photojournalist which has taken her around the world. Sometimes traveling with her mentor Steve McCurry, best known for his iconic "Afghan Girl" National Geographic photo. She has documented challenges in healthcare, education, poverty and disaster recovery as it has affected families, children and the underserved in developing countries. She has had the opportunity to work with world famous humanitarians and thought leaders around the world. These experiences have helped shape her desire to step forward to help her adult son, Madison, age 28 who is on the autism spectrum and the hundreds of thousands of underserved adults like him here in the United States.

Additionally, Mrs. Prince is a member of the Royal Academy of Medicine and is one of the contributing authors of *Adults in Autism*. She has served as a United States Presidential candidate advisor on policy for adults with autism as well as on the advisory boards of numerous universities and has been conferred with the Distinguished Service to Families Award from Brigham Young University in Utah as well as being honored by Utah State University. She has spoken nationally and internationally about the issues confronting families dealing with autism, has been featured on "Voice of America", consulted on movies, documentaries, news features and national publications, collaborated with other autism groups and has worked with her foundation on establishing a coalition focusing on housing issues facing this autistic population and those with other intellectual disabilities. She has been a frequent presenter at IACC (Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee of the National Institute of Mental Health). She has been a participant in the White House Roundtable on Autism, presented at TED University in Oxford, and has talked about women's empowerment in India and the power of parents and grandparents, moving issues forward for families. She is a Founding Member of Advancing Futures for Adults with Autism. She has participated in conferences in Poland on the formulation of family support structures. Similarly, Mrs. Prince has addressed groups in Europe, Kenya, Uganda, Lithuania, Germany, Denmark and Guatemala and has also done photographic journalism on issues facing mothers and children in several Middle Eastern countries.

Mrs. Prince's other activities in autism include co-hosting town hall meetings on autistic adult issues with Autism Speaks and promoting the Autism Housing Network. She has done interviews about adult autism, showcasing the skills of many on the autism spectrum while acknowledging the emergencies and sometimes tragic challenges that those on the spectrum face everyday. She recognizes that autism impacts not only the individual on the autism spectrum, but also the families of those individuals. She works with advising universities on how to make education more accessible to the one-third of the autistic population who wish to pursue higher education. Mrs. Prince is also actively engaged in her community having served on the Board of Directors for the National Philharmonic and American Mothers, Inc. and was honored as an American Mother of Year.

She and her husband, Dr. Gregory A. Prince, founded Madison House Autism Foundation. He is a scientist who pioneered the prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus, (RSV) disease in high-risk infants. He has also authored over 150 publications, is an historian, and is involved in several university and medical research boards. They worked together to found Madison House Autism Foundation, a 501(c)(3), ten years ago.

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## BABY INCUBATOR PROJECT

As part of empowering our communities, in 2016, TAA started collecting funds for the purchase of at-least two Baby Incubators for the Neonatal Ward at Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital, in Fort Portal (Kabarole District), Uganda.

So, this 1st TAA convention will culminate (Sunday evening) with a Fundraising Gala for this Incubators Project.

Because, the org's 501(c) application has not yet been approved by the IRS, contributions or gifts to Tooro American Association, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. We thank you for your generosity. For more information on how to donate/contribute, please visit the org's.

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