

# Seattle Eritreans Rock!

On Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, the Eritrean community in the Seattle area had an enjoyable and successful social event at the Mahbere Kom Community Center in Seattle. The event was reminiscent of the Eritrean trade mark - appropriately dubbed as “Eritrean Nights”, which used to be held in every Diaspora community throughout our long liberation struggle days.

The occasion that was initiated to commemorate the highly successful and memorable “Eritrean day of unity, defiance and steadfastness” event of February 22, 2010, after all turned out to be the first but not the last. Accordingly, the Eritreans who had gathered for the evening bonanza decided to make it a sort of “Eritrean Diaspora *nigdet* day” and pledged to commemorate it annually around February 22! Many also pledged a \$100 each for the coming event!

The Saturday event was attended by many enthusiastic and patriotic Eritreans young and old - in high spirit and with a sense of purpose! The participants enjoyed various scrumptious Eritrean dishes prepared and served by our Eritrean *adetatn ahatn*, and boy were those dishes delicious and “Finger licking good” literally! The evening party which was accompanied by selected audio and video entertainment clips were then followed by a live band to which many scrambled to dance to the various national tunes.

Meanwhile, a set of signed petition forms were gathered from the attendees and faxed to US President Barack Obama and UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, demanding the illegal and unjust sanction imposed against Eritrea be lifted – and lifted immediately!

Incidentally, we like to commend and thank all that had worked hard to make the event a complete success. The Eritrean mothers who had literally stayed all night to prepare for the culinary treat should not go unnoticed. It is such selfless dedication that makes an Eritrean that much better; and we certainly are proud and grateful to them all!

**ESMART** – “Eritrean Sanctions Must be Annulled and Repealed Today!”

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