

## **INFORM | EDUCATE | EMPOWER**

Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for ALL Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view the latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP *vision* is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the *2nd "A*" of the NAACP, which stands for *ADVANCEMENT*. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.





Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President

## Newsletter Highlights 2024

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

New Member Highlight

**Civil Rights Complaints** 

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Civic Engagement

October General Membership Meeting

November General

Membership Meeting

**December Annual Meeting** 

73rd Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

Supporting Partner Organizations

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### **President's Cabinet**

#### Dr. Derrick L. Foward President

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> William T. Spear Building Maintenance

Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Jr. Young Adult

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Lauretta Williams Assistant Secretary

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> David L. Montgomery GOTV

> > Tom M. Roberts Political Action

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Lauretta Williams Education



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Dr. Morris L. Brown

Chris R. Cortner

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox

Arnetta G. Gary

David K. Greer, Sr.

Rev. Renee Sheppard

**President Emeritus** 

Jessie O. Gooding

**"Talent wins** games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.

#### Youth & College Leadership

Solomon Scales President, LJYC

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Co-Advisor, Dayton Youth Council Claudine Tumusifu

President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall HSC Tiwona L. Foward

Advisor, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall HSC

Vilo Westwood Co-Advisor, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall **Executive Committee** 

Stacey D. Benson-Taylor

Rev. Herman E. Branham Chaplain

> Eric L. Ellington, Sr. Sergeant-at-Arms

Jo Lovelace Hill

Derrick Scales, Sr.

Dinah M. Williams

MICHAEL JORDAN



### Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 2.58% vs previous year.





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Additionally, we secured 10 Subscribing Life Members and 5 New Life Members from October to December.

Brian E. Dunson Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee







Dr. Morris L. Brown Investigator



Chris R. Cortner Investigator



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox Investigator

David K. Greer, Sr. Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 62 complaints of discrimination in the fourth quarter, up 37.78% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment 46%
- Education 12%
- Healthcare 8%
- Police Misconduct 6%
- Public Accommodations 6%



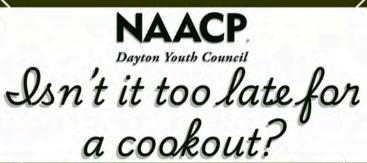
Chris R. Cortner Chair, Labor & Industry Committee Rev. Dr. David I. Fox Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

## Youth & Young Adult Engagement



Dayton Branch NAACP Youth Programs Hosted "Voter Education and Empowerment Gathering" at the NAACP Dayton Community Hub





JOIN US ON OCTOBER 19 FROM 3-5 PM AT THE DAYTON NAACP HUB ON JAMES H. MCGEE ACROSS FROM ALL IN ONE FOR A VOTER EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT GATHERING.

- VOTING EDUCATING FUNDRAISER
  - BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

BRING CLOTHES TO DONATE OR COME
AND GRAB WHAT YOU NEED





## **Civic Engagement**



Chris Cortner, Labor & Industry Chair, moderated a panel discussion titled, "The Consequences of *Elections on the Workforce.*" This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church held on October 28, 2024. Dr. Morris Brown and David K. Greer, Sr., served as comoderators.

The panelists included Dianne Herman, League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area; Antwan Davis; and Charles K. Williams.

## Labor & Industry

#### The Consequences of Elections on the Workforce!

Monday October 28, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church 1001 Harvard Blvd. Dayton, OH

> Antwan Davis Charles K. Willia



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### **Freedom Fund**





Honorary Chair John G. Richardson SugarCreek Packing Company

Honorary Chair Marilyn McGrone Conley Honda



Christopher Theo Smith & Malik A. Patterson Served as Co-Hosts



Dayton Urban Young Life Volunteered at the 73rd Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards selected by the President.





On October 25, 2024, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), held its **73rd Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards** to honor the outstanding achievements of individuals that have made rich deposits in the lives of the American people. They were nominated by individuals in the community who felt they deserved to be recognized.

The members of the Dayton Branch NAACP had an opportunity to read through all of the submissions and ultimately casted their vote for who they thought should win each award. There were 12 award categories. The nominees with the most votes in each category won. The winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award was selected by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Members. The recipient of the President's Award was selected by the President





The Winners





Lifetime Achievement Award Rev. Dr. P. E. Henderson, Jr. Pastor Corinthian Baptist Church President's Award Rickey L. Poole Founder and owner of Spunky's Night Club Founder and owner of Natural Foods + Juice Caboose Founder and owner of The Water Store Energy Clinic



Miley O. Williamson Award of Distinction Joyce Ann Davis Willis



President's Award of Honor Larry Horwath Retired Vice President Dayton Stencil



#### QUARTER FOUR

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Frederick Public Policy Award Fredrick W. Strahorn



Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award Eric L. Ellington, Sr.



Louise Troy Excellence in Education Award Stacy Thompson Speare-Hardy



Bob and Norma Ross Outstanding Leadership Award Allen Stephen

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The Winners







The Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley Award of Excellence Silvia Signars Anderson



Youth Development Award Malcolm Keith, Sr.



Judge Arthur O'Neil Fisher Fair & Just Award Honorable Alice O. McCollum

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The Winners



The Breakthrough Award Dr. Jameka Q. Parker



**Community Service Award** Young Ladies Aspiring Greatness



Anaiyah Rogers, Stivers School for the Arts, Lorenzo Harris "Mr. Ren" Scholarship Claudine Tumusifu, Thurgood Marshall High School, LaVern B. Gooding Scholarship Nealeonn R. Scott, Thurgood Marshall High School, Jessie O. Gooding Scholarship

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## 5th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway



We were able to bless nearly 1,000 families with a Turkey and a Gift Card for the Thanksgiving Holiday







First Lady Tiwona L. Foward Provided a Thanksgiving Basket to the Tottle Family



We appreciate the partnership of Kroger, Fuyao, William Pollard and all Volunteers for Making This Event a Huge Success

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Monday November 25th, 2024

Learn more about programs and resources available to our veterans.

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Grace United Methodist Church 1001 Harvard Blvd. Dayton, OH

6:30 PM

Stacey Benson-Taylor Cheryl Malone, CEO Military Consultant and Life Tra

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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12/13-14 Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Con & Duarterly Training

12/16/24 - Annual Meet 12/25/24 - Merry Christmas

### **Armed Services and Veterans Affairs**

**Terrence Williams, Armed Services and Veterans Affairs** Chair, moderated a panel discussion titled, "Veterans Educating Veterans." This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church held on November 25. 2024.

The panelists included Stacey Benson-Taylor, Montgomery County Recorder; Cheryl Malone, CEO, Military Consultant and Life Transition for Me; Adrienne Clark, Airforce Wounded Warrior, Recovery Care Coordinator/Support Programs, Wright-Patterson Medical Center; Gregory Tucker, Veteran Outreach Specialist, Dayton VAMC; and Robin Titus, AS, BS, MEd, EdD, Field Examiner, US Department of Veterans Affairs



## 2024 Annual Meeting



Nichole Smith, Chan, Communications, Press and Publicity

NAACP Image Award Winning Activist, Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President, moderated the Annual Meeting. This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on December 16, 2024. The main purpose of the Annual Meeting is for every Officer and Committee Chair to give a report to our Stakeholders so they are informed and educated about the work we did in the year of 2024, thereby empowered to intelligently communicate our accomplishments to their network of friends.

The panelists included the President, Vice Presidents, Standing Committee Chairs and Youth & College Division Leaders.



Thank you to Outback Steakhouse on Miller Lane for catering our Christmas Dinner

Executive Leadership Team President, VP's, Secretary & Treasurers

## 2024 Annual Meeting



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<u>General Membership Award Recipients</u> Eric L. Ellington Sr. David L. Montgomery Dinah M. Williams Presented by Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President Stellar Attendance Award Recipients Harvey C. Bolden Tiwona L. Foward Gary J. Leppla, Esq. Presented by Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President

Delivering Positive Results Award Recipient Nichole M. Smith Presented by Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President

The Democracy Defender Award Recipient

Gary J. Leppla, Esq.

Presented by Mattie P. White, VP

Stellar Attendance Award Recipient Dr. Derrick L. Foward Presented by Clair M. Thompson, Secretary

<u>Civic Engagement Advocate Award Recipient</u> David L. Montgomery Presented by Tom Roberts, 2nd VP

Leave No Patient Behind Award Recipient Dr. Morris L. Brown Presented by Willie A. Terrell, Jr., 3rd VP

Ministry of Helps Award Recipient David K. Greer, Sr. Presented by Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President

## **Supporting Partner Organizations**





Dayton Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Peppermint Sneakers Ball



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Beta Eta Omaga Chapter Frosted Pearls Ball



National Council of Negro Women Dayton Section (NCNW) Membership Tea



Foward Serves as Model During The Essence of Fashion Show

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## **Longtime Office Volunteers**

## Maintaining Regular Office Hours and Fielding Complaints from Clients Five Days a Week







**Rev. Renee Sheppard** 





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Arnetta G. Gary





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Upcoming Events January 9, 2025 Dayton Branch NAACP 55th Inauguration Ceremony

January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. March / Rally / Program

January 21, 2025 Dayton Branch NAACP Executive Committee Meeting

January 27, 2025 Dayton Branch NAACP General Membership Meeting



Until We Meet Again, Enjoy the Rest of 2024 and Have a Blessed, Safe, Prosperous and Happy New Year (2025)!

### **Derrick & Tiwona**

# **Fully Committed!**

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