

DAYTON BRANCH NAACP #3181

The Dayton Branch *Chronicle*



Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
"Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"



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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 our latest edition of the Miley O. Williamson Report.

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.

Newsletter Highlights 2024

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

New Member Highlight

Civil Rights Complaints

Civic Engagement

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Organizations

January Community
Meeting - Religious Affairs

February Community
Meeting - Youth & College

NAACP Annual Meeting

March Community Meeting -
Women In NAACP (WIN)

Good Friday Ham Distribution

Upcoming Events

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*Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
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*Atty. Gary J. Leppla
Legal Redress*

*Kayelin L. Tiggs
Women in NAACP (WIN)*

*Mattie White
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*Roland Winburn
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*Lauretta Williams
Assistant Secretary*

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*Harvey C. Bolden
Assistant Treasurer*

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President, Dayton Youth Council*

*Escalajah Draper
President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall*

*Ja'Shawn W. Gurley
President, LJYC*

*Pamela D. Sloan
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC*

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President Emeritus

Jessie O. Gooding

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 2.81% vs previous year.



Harold Bailey
Gold Life Member



Subscribing Silver Life Members

Brandy Foward	Faye Foward	Nadine Harris	Sonya Foward
Brian Foward	Harvey C. Bolden	Ozell Foward	Taiyisha Foward
Derrick Scales Sr.	Joanne Foward	Printus Foward III	Victor Harris
Dorinda Bolden	Junior F. Greenlee	Roberta Parker	William T. Spear
Dorothy Smith	Lovell Foward	Shemeka Foward	



Pamela Hodge
Silver Life Member

Brian E. Dunson
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee

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Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner
Investigator



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 81 complaints of discrimination in the first quarter, up 24.61% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 35.80%
- Education - 18.52%
- Housing - 9.88%
- Healthcare - 6.17%
- Police Misconduct - 4.94%



Client, Helen Dewberry, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) reached a settlement agreement with Sleep Number for the unwarranted interaction she received at their store located at 2599 Miamisburg Centerville Rd. in Miami Township.

On Monday, January 29, 2024, representatives from the Dayton Unit NAACP, along with our client and her niece, met with executive team members from Sleep Number, to allow Ms. Dewberry to share what she experienced at the store on December 13, 2023. The meeting was productive and our client was satisfied with the resolution.

Chris R. Cortner
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Ohio Conference NAACP Lobby Day / Rhine McLin Honored



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Lobbying U. S. Senators on Civil Rights Issues



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Rev. Renard D. Allen, Jr., Chair, Religious Affairs Committee, moderated a panel discussion titled, ***“The Hamas-Israeli Conflict: Pathways to Peace.”*** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church held on January 22, 2024.

The distinguished panelists included Vilo Westwood (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), Youssef A. Ellen (Greater Dayton Peace Coalition), Dr. Rockney Carter (Zion Baptist Church), Dr. Elliot Ratzman (Professor of Jewish Studies).

Religious Affairs

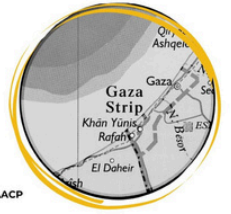
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The Hamas-Israeli Conflict: Pathways to **PEACE**

Monday
January 22th, 2024
6:30 PM

Grace United
Methodist Church
1001 Harvard Blvd.
Dayton, OH



Moderator
Reverend Renard D. Allen Jr.
St. Luke Baptist Church
Chair, Religious Affairs Dayton Unit NAACP

Panelists:
Youssef A. Etzein
Greater Dayton Peace Coalition

Reverend Corey Cunningham
Inspiration Church

Vilo Westwood
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 2/12/24 - NAACP Founders' Day
- 2/17/24 - NAACP Annual Meeting
- 2/19/24 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/20/24 - Voter Registration Deadlines for March 19 Primary Election
- 2/26/24 - General Membership Meeting Youth, Youth & College Division



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Youth and College Division

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Honoring the Past, Inspiring the *FUTURE*

Monday
February 26th, 2024
6:30 PM

Grace United
Methodist Church
1001 Harvard Blvd.
Dayton, OH

Moderator
Zora Boddie
Dayton Unit NAACP
Youth Council President

Panelists:
Jazmine Broxton
Danyell Christian
Escalajah Draper
Jayla Marvin
Jordan Young

With Poetry Readings Presented By
Te'eyiona Wilbur & Ramah Lindsay

And MLK Speech
Presented By
Claudine Tumusiifu

Littjohn Junior NAACP
Youth Council Speakers
Utiah Razor & Ziya Johnson



UPCOMING
MEETINGS & EVENTS

3/8 - 3/9 - Ohio Conference Executive Committee Meeting & Training
3/16/24 - 55th NAACP Image Awards
3/18/24 - Executive Committee Meeting
3/19/24 - Primary Election
3/25/24 - General Membership Meeting & WIN Committee Presentation

Zora C. Boddie, President, Dayton Youth Council, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future.”* This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church held on February 26, 2024.

The panelists included Escalajah Draper, President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter; Jazmine Broxton, Secretary, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter; Jordan Young, Vice President, Dayton NAACP Youth Council; Jayla Marvin, Member, Dayton NAACP Youth Council; and Danyell Christian, Student, Meadowdale High School



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Youth & College Division

Littlejohn Junior Youth Council Co-Advisor Pam Sloan with LJYC members, had an excellent meeting discussing the meaning of Black History and why we honor and celebrate our heroes. The group also did coloring sheets of their favorite hero!



Dayton Youth Council and Dayton ACT-SO Program donated clothes to organizations that serve the unhoused in the Dayton community.



NAACP Annual Meeting



Mattie White, serving as President of the Dayton Branch NAACP while President Foward sought the office of State Representative, gave an update to the delegates on the work of the organization



Foward and U. S. Senator Chuck Schumer Meet for the First Time During NAACP National Board Meeting in New York



Leon W. Russell, Chairman, NAACP Board of Directors, Introduces U. S. Senator Chuck Schumer to Delegates During National Board Meeting

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The Role of Women in the NAACP in the Menstrual Equity Movement

Monday
March 25th, 2024
6:30 PM

Central State University
840 Germantown St.
Dayton, OH

Moderator
Kayelin Tiggs
Chair, WIN Dayton Unit NAACP

Panelists:
Ebony Martin
Serida Lowery
Dianira Garcia



Kayelin Tiggs, Chair, Women in NAACP (WIN) Committee, moderated a panel discussion titled, “The Role of Women in the NAACP in the Menstrual Equity Movement.” This monthly community meeting was held at Central State University Dayton Campus on March 25, 2024.

The distinguished panelists were Ebony Martin, Serida Lowery and Dianira Garcia.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

4/11 - 4/13 - Region III Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI)
4/13/24 - Executive Committee Meeting
4/22/24 - General Membership Meeting & Criminal Justice Committee Presentation



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2nd Annual Good Friday Ham Distribution



We were able to bless nearly 500 families with a Ham for the Easter Holiday.



The collaborative work of all volunteers made this event a huge success.



We appreciate the partnership of Kroger's Store Leader James McCurdy (2115 Dorothy Lane) and its African American ARG Team

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Upcoming Events

April 11, 2014 - April 13, 2024

Region III Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI)

April 15, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting

April 20, 2024

ACT-SO Day of the Stars Competition

April 22, 2024

General Membership Meeting
& Criminal Justice Committee Presentation

May 10, 2024

109th Anniversary (Founders Day – Chartered May 10, 1915)

May 20, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting

May 27, 2024

General Membership Meeting
& Community Coordination Committee Presentation

June 7-8, 2024

Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Committee Meeting and Quarterly Training

June 17, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting

June 24, 2024

General Membership Meeting
& Health Committee Presentation



President Foward & First Lady Tiwona
Surprise Baby Silas With His First Easter Basket

Moving Forward in Victory Together!

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