



**Dayton Unit NAACP #3181**

# President Report

**To:** Dayton Unit NAACP General Membership

**From:** Dr. Derrick L. Foward

**CC:** D. L. F. Advisors

**Date:** 12/31/2023

**Re:** December 2023 Year End Report

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## “Moving Forward in Victory Together!”

Hello team, this report reflects business conducted on behalf of the Dayton Unit NAACP throughout the year of 2023.

### Excerpts From The Optimist Creed – “Promise Yourself”

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind; To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet; To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best; To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own; To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

### Dayton Unit NAACP Vision Statement

Our “**VISION**” is to fulfill the dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the second “**A**” of the NAACP, which stands for “**ADVANCEMENT.**”

### Dayton Unit NAACP Goals

Our goals are clear. We want to better “**INFORM**” the community on what the Dayton Unit of the NAACP is doing. We want to proactively “**EDUCATE**” the community on issues that affect all Americans. By utilizing these methods, it will “**EMPOWER**” more of us to be Entrepreneurs, Educators, Community Leaders and Corporate Leaders.

## **President's Initiatives**

- Organized a press conference to address gun violence and to implement a plan to reduce the homicide rate from 2022.
- Organized the Dayton Unit NAACP 54<sup>th</sup> Inauguration Ceremony with great assistance from the 2023 Presidential Inaugural Committee.
- In the process of organizing the Dayton Unit NAACP 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MLK Celebration Day event.
- Working with DPS Superintendent Libbie Lolli to implement a mentorship program in Dayton Public Schools.
- The appointment of the Chairperson of various Standing and Special Committees as outlined in the Constitution of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Bylaws for Units (Page 33, Duty 1b and Page 40, Duty 2c) are as follows: (Action/Approved)

*Art Curator – Elijah Rashaed*

*ACT-SO Youth Program – Cedric L. McGhee*

*Armed Services and Veterans Affairs – Terrence Williams*

*Building Maintenance – William T. Spear*

*Chaplain – Rev. Dr. Herman E. Branham*

*Communications, Press & Publicity – Nichole Smith*

*Community Coordination – Mattie P. White*

*Criminal Justice – Rev. Dr. David I. Fox*

*Economic Development – Roland Winburn*

*Education – Laretta Williams*

*Environmental and Climate Justice – Gary J. Leppla, Esq.*

*Finance – Tiwona L. Branham*

*Freedom Fund – Lu Dale*

*Get Out To Vote – David L. Montgomery*

*Health – Stephanie McBride*

*Housing – Paul A. Miller, Jr.*

*International Affairs – Ayokunle O. Ogunduyile*

*Labor & Industry – Chris R. Cortner*

*Legal Redress – Gary J. Leppla, Esq.*

*Littlejohn Junior Youth Council Advisor – Dr. Derrick L. Foward*

*Membership & Life Membership – Brian E. Dunson*

*Political Action – Tom Roberts*

*Prison Branch – Charlsie M. Edmonson*

*Religious Affairs – Rev. Renard D. Allen, Jr.*

*Sergeant at Arms – Eric L. Ellington, Sr.*

*Scholarship – Willie A. Terrell, Jr.*

*Young Adult – Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Jr.*

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

(Action/Approved)

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  - Dr. Derrick L. Foward (President)
  - Mattie P. White (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)
  - Willie A. Terrell, Jr. (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President)
  - Tiwona L. Branham (Treasurer)
  - Stacey D. Benson-Taylor (Executive Committee Member)
  - Rev. Dr. David I. Fox (Executive Committee Member)
  - Ayo O. Ogunduyile (Executive Committee Member)
  - Chris R. Cortner (Executive Committee Member)

- Brian E. Dunson (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate
- Cedric L. McGhee (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate

(Action/Approved)

- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the NAACP 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name. The Unit will pay for their registration package (\$240) and 1 additional ticket (\$48):
  - Dr. Derrick L. Foward (President)
  - Laurreta Williams (Assistant Secretary)
  - Harvey C. Bolden (Assistant Treasurer)
  - Charlsie Edmonson (Executive Committee Member)
  - William T. Spear (Executive Committee Member)
  - Rev. Dr. Herman E. Branham – (Executive Committee Member)
  - Rev. Renard D. Allen, Jr. – (Executive Committee Member)
  - Dinah M. Williams (Executive Committee Member)
  - Kayelin L. Tiggs (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate
  - Pamela D. Sloan (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate

(Action/Approved)

- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the Ohio Conference NAACP 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name.. The Unit will pay for their registration package and allocate a specific amount of money for their hotel accommodations at a dual occupancy rate except the President (\$99 Per Night), transportation cost (\$120) and meal per diem (\$50 Per Day) as listed by their respective name.
  - Dr. Derrick L. Foward (President)
  - Clair Thompson (Secretary)
  - Lu Dale (Executive Committee Member)
  - David L. Montgomery (Executive Committee Member)

- Derrick Scales, Sr. (Executive Committee Member)
- Eric L. Ellington, Sr. (Executive Committee Member)
- Roland Winburn (Executive Committee Member)
- Gary J. Leppla, Esq. (Executive Committee Member)
- Jo Ann Lovelace Hill (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate
- Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Jr. (Executive Committee Member) – Alternate

(Action/Approved)

- Organized a meeting with Michael Roediger, President of the Dayton Art Institute, along with Chairman Rashead, to discuss having an art exhibit displayed at the DAI in commemoration of Juneteenth
- Hosted a Breaking News Meeting with Robin Harrison, NAACP VP, Hollywood Bureau and Karen Boykin-Towns, Vice Chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors, so they could make the official announcement to the Dayton Unit NAACP Executive Committee, that I would be awarded the 2023 NAACP Activist of the Year Image Award during the 54<sup>th</sup> NAACP Image Awards. The Executive Committee voted to provide the same stipend that delegates will receive to attend the 114<sup>th</sup> NAACP National Convention respectively. The Executive Committee voted to pay for the flights of the delegates. I also provided a stipend to all delegates that attended to support me. This action needs to be ratified by this body.  
(Action/Approved)
- Organized two meetings with Adriane Miller, Executive Director for NCCJ, to discuss each organizations work. We met at NCCJ office and the NAACP Dayton Headquarters.
- Organized a group of Executive Committee Members to participate in a check presentation presented by Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway.
- Organized a meeting with Tiffiney Gray, Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Central State University, to discuss our work and networking opportunities within the Dayton Market.
- After consulting with the Finance Committee, recommend that the Dayton Unit NAACP provide the following:
  - Expense allocation to Laretta Williams for representing the Dayton Unit NAACP on the goodwill trip to Liberia, Africa (Monrovia), where the Library for Africa, Inc. organization plan to build a public library
  - Expense allocation to The Cartwright Family Foundation & Gospel Superfest Television, for organizing the 54<sup>th</sup> NAACP Image Awards Celebration.

(Action/Approved)

- Sponsored by Dayton City Commissioner Chris Shaw, organized a group of Executive Committee Members and Office Volunteers to attend the Dayton Dragons opening day game at the ballpark. Commissioner Shaw advised us that Mayor Jeffery J. Mims, Jr. will be honoring me with a “Key to the City.”
- Organized our first-ever Easter Ham Distribution. It was a HUGE success with assistance from representatives from Kroger’s, Sam’s Club, and Miami Valley Environmental Services.
- Presented the Dr. Derrick L. Foward Visionary Leadership Scholarship and the First Lady Jean A. Foward Youth Empowerment Scholarship during the Gospel Superfest NAACP Image Award Celebration.
- Testified before the Ohio House of Representatives Criminal Justice Committee on H.B. No. 56, which is known as the Reckless Driving Bill due to Hooning.
- Been in contact with all Dayton City Commission Candidates regarding the upcoming Primary. The Dayton Unit NAACP will be holding a Candidates Forum on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Central State University Dayton Campus at 6:00 p.m.
- Met with three complainants along with Chairman Fox, Chairman Cortner and Volunteer Brown, to discuss a racial issue at Oakwood High School.
- The appointment of the Chairperson of various Standing and Special Committees as outlined in the Constitution of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Bylaws for Units (Page 33, Duty 1b and Page 40, Duty 2c) are as follows: (Action/Approved)

*Health – Dr. Morris L. Brown*

*Audit – Cedric L. McGhee*

*Audit – Clair M. Thompson*

*Audit – Tiwona L. Branham*

*Audit – Laurette Williams*

*Audit – Harvey C. Bolden*

*Audit – Objective Observer from General Membership TBA*

- Organized a meeting with Dayton Public School Leadership which included Superintendent Elizabeth Lolli, Business Manager David Lawrence and School Board Member Jocelyn Rhynard, along with Chairlady Laurette Williams and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mattie White, to discuss our Collaborative Partnership, Inferior / Superior Expectations Goals Between White and Black Students, ACT-SO Youth Program, District Performance, School Board Responsibilities and Next Steps.

- Worked with the Leadership Team for Honda, to secure a \$25,000 grant for our Operational Expenses. Will serve as administrator and marketing consultant for the grant, and administer funds accordingly. (Action/Approved)
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- Mattie White (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) – Alternate
- Tiwona L. Branham (Treasurer) – Alternate

(Action/Approved)

- Met with Communications, Press and Publicity Chair Nichole Smith to discuss a timeline to complete the 2022 Annual Report and the submission of the NAACP Thalheimer Award
- Represented the Dayton Unit NAACP at the Ohio Black Expo in Columbus, Ohio. Received the same stipend as given for an in-person CRATI and State Convention. (Action/Approved)
- Will be conducting my annual congressional sponsored lobbying session in mid-July along with our NAACP lobbyist. Please text and/or email me concerns that you would like for me to address with our Ohio Congressman. Funds will be given to the Dayton Unit NAACP, and a check will be cut in the same amount for me to pay for accommodations as in previous years. (Action/Approved)

- Met with DPD Sergeant Kyle Thomas (FOP President) and DPD Sergeant John Sopczak (FOP First Vice President), along with Treasurer Branham and Executive Committee Member Stacey Benson-Taylor, to discuss salary increases for DPD Officers that are covered under the collective bargaining agreements. We also discussed the DPD contract with GDPM. The issue is that the City of Dayton cannot retain current officers and recruit new officers. The Fire Department has between 600-700 people on eligibility list, while DPD has just over 100 people on the eligibility list. Out of the 100 that passed the test, DPD will be able to seat about 30 people in the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA) Class.
- Met with Valerie Lemmie, Honorary Chair for the 2023 Hall of Freedom Awards, to secure their \$10,000 commitment.
- Went to Washington DC to lobby Congressman Mike Turner on several key issues that are important to the NAACP and our constituents. I want to take this opportunity to say, “Thank You” to those Executive Committee Members who participated in setting the agenda for the day.
- Led a press conference with various organizations (We Are The Legacy, Panhellenic Council, AFL-CIO, Unity Coalition, Masons and Shriners, churches, and civic associations) to oppose Issue One.
- Organized an educational tour for the Reflections in Time...Dayton Unit NAACP Celebrates History exhibition, followed by a reception. I want to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to Chairman Elijah Rashaed and all attendees for making the exhibition a great hit.
- Met with Mike Riordan, President & CEO of Premier Health, to discuss the feasibility of placing an Urgent Care Center at the former Good Samaritan Hospital. He stated that they will continue to explore that option.
- Working as a Project Manager for Solar Panel Installation and Roofing Repairs at NAACP Dayton Headquarters, as well as, Concrete Pad installation at the NAACP Dayton Community Hub.
- Held an Office Volunteer Staff Meeting to address various topics (see attached.)
- Organized a delegation of people to participate in the Black College Football Hall of Fame game featuring Virginia Union and Morehouse College. Will be attending the Chicago Football Classic featuring Central State University vs. Mississippi Valley State University. Will receive same stipend that I received over the last three years to attend the Black College Football Hall of Fame. (Action/Approved)
- Accompanied our client, Laticka Hancock, to a 2-day court trial of Todd Stanley, former Sergeant for the Butler Township Police Department. He was found guilty of first-degree misdemeanor assault charge, for punching her in the face over a piece of cheese that was left off of her Big Mac sandwich.



- Organized the official grand opening of the NAACP Dayton Headquarters. I would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" for all that participated in the event. It was a huge success!
- Held a meeting with Jeremy Kelley, Assistant News Director for the Dayton Daily News, to discuss how both of our organizations operate so we are able to work together to educate the community on issues that affect them from a Civil and Human Rights standpoint.
- Met with Dayton Convention Center Representatives and Leslie Barrow, our Hall of Freedom Awards Contractor, to discuss pricing and logistics.
- Organized a follow-up meeting with John Page, Region Manager for DCC, along with Chairlady Lu Dale and Leslie Barrow, to address concerns we had about pricing. As a result, the pricing will remain the same as last year.
- Implemented another Hall of Freedom Award titled, "The Breakthrough Award", to honor those exceptional individuals who sit quietly in the background but does tremendous work.
- Called and sent e-mails to over 60 churches and corporate partners to solicit their support of our Hall of Freedom Awards.
- Organized 2 Additional Meet the Candidates Forums in Outlier Communities that are in our jurisdiction.
- Held a meeting with Madam Secretary Thompson to discuss the resignation she submitted that was supposed to be effective December 31, 2023. She has decided to rescind her resignation and to complete her term which ends December 31, 2023.
- Held a Special Meeting with Executive Committee Members to make them aware of my intention to seek the Office of State Representative of the 38<sup>th</sup> House District of Ohio. I made it clear that no matter what happens with the State Rep. position, that I also plan to seek re-election as President of the Dayton Unit NAACP in November 2024. I also expressed that I would like to attend the 115<sup>th</sup> NAACP National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada as a voting delegate, as we won't know the outcome of the March primary until that time. Recommend that transportation, room expenses, food cost and other misc. expenses be paid for President Derrick L. Foward and First Lady Tiwona L. Foward to attend the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting of the NAACP to be held in February 2024 in New York City, New York. The amount allocated will be the same amount as in previous years for the President and his wife. Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that Dr. Derrick L. Foward and Tiwona L. Foward serve as voting delegates at the NAACP 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name. The Unit will pay for their registration package and 1 additional ticket. Additional delegates will be voted upon at a later date. The amount allocated will be the same amount as in previous years for the President and his wife. (Action/Approved)

- Gave remarks at the Dayton City Commission meeting to address the Use of Force concerns of city residence. Also, urged City Leadership to work with the Dayton Police Department in the negotiation process to increase their pay.
- Organized a meeting with the leadership team of Central State University and The Dayton Foundation to build a relationship with the new administration.
- Organized the Dayton Unit NAACP 3<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Giveaway Blessing for Families. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and contributed in their own way. **THANK YOU!!!**
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that the Dayton Unit NAACP 2024 Election be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the NAACP Dayton Headquarters while the Citizens of Dayton as well as the Citizens throughout this Nation are in the spirit of voting. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that 20 members be elected to “At-Large” Executive Committee Seats during the Dayton Unit NAACP Election to be held on November 3, 2024 at the Unit office from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommend to the General Membership that 7 members be elected to the Nominating Committee at the September 23, 2024 General Membership Meeting. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that transportation, room expenses, food cost and other misc. expenses be paid for Dr. Derrick L. Foward and Tiwona L. Foward to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> NAACP Image Awards to be held in Los Angelas, California in March 2024. (Action/Approved)
- Recommend that transportation, room expenses, food cost and other misc. expenses be paid for Mattie P. White to attend the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting of the NAACP to be held in February 2024 in New York City, New York. (Action/Approved)
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  - Tiwona L. Foward (As Reported in President's October 2023 Report)
  - Mattie P. White (Will Be Different Pending Results of Primary Election)
  - Laurretta Williams
  - Harvey C. Bolden
  - Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
  - Dr. Morris L. Brown
  - Nichole Smith – Alternate
  - Ayo O. Ogunduyile – Alternate

(Action/Approved)

- Recommend that the Executive Committee recommends to the General Membership that the following voting delegates represent the Dayton Unit NAACP at the Ohio Conference NAACP 94<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and receive the expense allocation as listed by their respective name.. The Unit will pay for their registration package and allocate a specific amount of money for their hotel accommodations at a dual occupancy rate except the President, transportation cost and meal per diem as listed by their respective name.

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- Tiwona L. Foward
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- Cedric L. McGhee
- Charlsie Edmonson
- Brian E. Dunson
- Stacey D. Benson-Taylor
- Chris R. Cortner – Alternate
- Ayo O. Ogunduyile – Alternate
- Rev. Arthur L. Williams, Jr. – Alternate
- (Action/Approved)

**Donations & Membership Money Collected**

Collected the following donations totaling \$0:

N/A

Collected the following youth membership applications and payments totaling \$10:

Karen Dunson (\$10) – 3/8/23

Collected the following regular membership applications and payments totaling \$270:

Terrence Williams (\$30) – 1/12/23, Labertha Williams (\$30) – 1/12/23

Karen Dunson (\$30) – 3/8/23, Nancy Lee (\$30) – 3/11/23, Dorothy F. Smith (\$30) – 3/23/23

Shirley Ward (\$30) – 3/23/23, Ronald McKenstry (\$30) – 5/14/23, Matthew Miller (\$30) – 5/23/23

Edwina Swann (\$30) – 9/12/23

Collected the following life membership applications and payments totaling \$11,575:

Johnny Vance (\$75) – 1/4/23

Carl Johnson (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 1/13/23

Tracy Dudley (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 1/18/23

Dorinda Bolden (\$75) – 1/14/23, Harvey C. Bolden (\$75) – 1/14/23  
Sonya Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Shemeka Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Ozell Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23  
Lovell Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Joanne Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Faye Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23  
Brian Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Brandy Foward (\$75) – 2/8/23, Taiyisha Foward (\$75) – 2/8/22  
Mike Foley (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 3/15/23  
Lisa Foley (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 3/15/23  
Sheton Foward (\$75) 4/5/23, Cedric Howard (\$150) – 4/6/23, Marvalene Raglin (\$100) – 4/6/23  
Julie Mislansky (\$750 / Pay-Off of Silver Life Membership) – 4/27/23  
Valerie Lemmie (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 6/29/23  
Kettering Foundation (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 6/29/23  
Kim Wiggins (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 7/19/23  
Kamran Afzal (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 8/4/23  
David Lynch (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 8/6/23  
Scott Koorndyk (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 8/22/23  
Dayton/Miami Valley Entrepreneurs Center (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 8/22/23  
Beverly A. King (\$600 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 9/26/23  
Dale Brunner (\$750 / Pay-Off of Lifetime Membership) – 10/19/23

### **Standing & Special Committee Meetings Attended**

- Finance Committee Meeting
- ACT-SO Afternoon of the Stars

### **Other Meetings & Events Attended**

- Delta Peppermint Ball
- Officially launched a campaign to “Free China Arnold” during our 2022 Annual Meeting
- Met with DPD Police Chief Kamran Afzal, along with member Maurice Evans, to discuss
- Met with Judge Mary Wiseman, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tom Roberts, to request that she write a letter of support to the parole board

- Educated the members of the Move Forward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter about the founding of their organization and the founding of the NAACP. I want to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to Advisor Branham for allowing me to speak to the students.
- Presented a Resolution to the Stacey D. Benson-Taylor in the loss of her mother
- Dayton Business Journal Economic Forum
- Met with Johnny Vance, Montgomery County Juvenile Court, to discuss a mentorship program for youth.
- MLK March, Rally & Dinner
- Participated in a press conference with Attorney Michael Wright, along with our client Laticka Hancock
- DPD Chief’s Advisory Council Meeting
- Salem Avenue Business Association Meeting
- Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr. Birthday Celebration
- University of Dayton Greater West Dayton Conversation
- Senior Housing Development Meeting at Grace United Methodist Church
- Thurgood Marshall Meeting on Unpacking Gun Violence
- State of the City Address
- CSUF Meeting with Ohio Auditors Office
- NAACP AFR Training
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Life Member Josie Bedell in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- Parity, Inc. Top Ten African American Male Award Luncheon
- Attended the 54<sup>th</sup> NAACP Image Awards and was the winner of the 2023 “Activist of the Year” Image Award
- Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Committee Meeting and Quarterly Training
- Attended the memorial service of Dr. Arthur “Doc” Thomas, President Emeritus of Central State University
- Mayor Mims Community Meeting regarding youth activity on Fourth & Jefferson St.

- Trotwood City Manager Quincy Pope 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- At the request of Religious Affairs Chairman Renard Allen, attended St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on Communion Sunday, where he recognized me for winning the NAACP Image Award for Activist of the Year. I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to Chairman Allen.
- Gave special remarks at "Our Black History Re-Engagement Luncheon" in Hamilton, Ohio and made attendees aware that we are in the process of reactivating the Hamilton, Fairfield, West Chester NAACP
- Served as a guest speaker at the Black Men's Mental Health Conference
- Wilberforce University Alumni Association Scholarship Dinner.
- Interviewed by Letitia Perry regarding the use of the N-Word at several local schools throughout the Dayton Region. The story will come out sometime during the month of May.
- Dayton Public Schools Faith Leaders & Community Partners Collaboration Meeting
- Gave Remarks at the Arab Americans of Miami Valley, Ohio Program
- Served at the guest speaker at the UNCF / Dayton Inter-Alumni Council Sunday Program
- Ohio Secretary of State Diversity & Empowerment Council
- Served as a guest panelist during the Ohio Sigma Day at the Capital Legislative Education Session
- Participated in Artist James Pate Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Salem Avenue Business Association (SABA) Meeting
- Served as the Keynote Speaker for Middletown NAACP Annual Scholarship / Freedom Fund Banquet
- NAACP Mandatory Training
- Central State University Workforce Training & Business Center Open House
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Max Williams, son of Life Members Joey D. Williams and Natasha Williams, upon his graduation from The Ohio State University
- Provided Leadership Training to members of Sandusky NAACP
- Trotwood Municipal Court Open House in Trotwood
- Central State University Graduation

- Participated in the NAACP CRATI
- George Washington University Graduation
- Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Celebration & Awards Banquet
- Honored to receive the GCC-BIG Community Service Award
- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- NAACP Convention Meeting
- Presented a Resolution to the family of life member Glynn Washington during her homegoing celebration
- Attended the graduation of Cherie Bolden, daughter of Assistant treasurer Harvey Bolden and member of the Dayton Youth Council
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Chief Deputy Daryl Wilson for his over 32 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Citizens of Montgomery County
- Presented a Resolution to the family of member Willis Ann Greer during her homegoing celebration
- Attended the Dayton Bar Association in collaboration with the League of Women Voters Discussion on Issue 1 at the Dayton Metro Library. I want to take this opportunity to commend 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tom Roberts and Attorney Gary Leppla for their respective talking points during the panel discussion.
- Attended Ellis Jacobs retirement celebration
- Attended the Oath of Office Ceremony of Montgomery County Recorder Stacey D. Benson-Taylor
- Greater Dayton Realist Association Lelia Francis Award Luncheon
- Miami Valley Urban League Pillar Awards
- Humbled to be recognized by Believers Christian Fellowship Church during their 2023 Recognition Banquet
- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- Montgomery County Kushinda Court Graduation
- Attended the DPS Board Meeting, as they announced the next Superintendent for Dayton Public Schools. David Lawrence will serve as the Interim Superintendent until Elizabeth Lolli's successor is appointed.



- Attended the NAACP National Membership Drives Growth Meeting. Will serve as the guest speaker in the month of August.
- Served as a guest speaker for Parity, Inc. Black Leadership Development Program. The topic was Civil Rights and the Black Community
- Met with Kelly Fischman, Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Cathy Gardner (Jewish Federation of Dayton, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Klaben, and Susan Deluca, to discuss partnering on various Civil and Human Rights issues to include VOTING NO on Issue 1, as well as taking a bus from Dayton to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March on Washington which will be held on August 26, 2023.
- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- Participated in the GOTV Black Votes Count Tour
- Served as a panelist for the Issue 1 Forum at Wayman Chapel AME Church
- Participated in the Wright Brothers Middle School Staff Retreat
- Introduced 1<sup>st</sup> VP White at the Dayton Public Schools Convocation where she served as the Keynote Speaker for the event.
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Mrs. Susie W. Roberts, the mother of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Roberts, for the Lord blessing her to turn 100 years old.
- African American Cultural Festival
- The Little Hearts School House Early Learning Academy annual back to school giveaway/block party
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Skool McCabe Park Cookout
- Central State University Presidential Search Virtual Listening Session for Executive Cabinet and Deans, as well as, for Faculty
- Upon the request of Pastor Dr. Keith Gephart, presented a Citation of Honor to John C. Swann, Jr. at Singing Woods Nursing Home during a Life Achievement Service held in his honor
- At the request of President Tom Roberts, gave remarks at the One-Year Anniversary of Communities in Action: Building a Better Ohio, featuring Tom Perez, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States of America for Intergovernmental Affairs
- Westwood Middle School Introduction of Dr. David Lawrence, Interim Superintendent of Dayton Public Schools
- Mayor Jeffery J. Mim's, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen Summit

- Attended the Retirement Party of Bill Pollard, Economic Development Committee Member
- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- Presented a Resolution to the family of Lavera Floyd, Gold Life Member of the Dayton Unit NAACP
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- Presented a Resolution to the family of Mary E. Taylor, Life Member of the Dayton Unit NAACP
- Attended The President's Club of Dayton 72<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon
- Kappa Black and White Gala
- Interviewed by University of Dayton students to conduct an Oral History of my life
- University of Dayton Celebration of National Recipients as a High-Flier
- Participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Get-Out-The-Teen Vote March
- Central State University Homecoming Weekend Events
- Served as a guest speaker at Belmont High School and Stivers School for the Arts, along with Steve VanGorder, Owner of SVG Motors, to talk about different career paths (College, Military, Work) that students can choose after high school. The overarching message we sent is that **"doing nothing"** is not an option.
- The President's Club of Dayton Monthly Meeting
- Participated in the Dayton NAACP Youth Council Community Clean-Up. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate President Boddie on a great job organizing the event and engaging other community organizations.
- Selected by the City of Dayton to participate in the interviewing process of the next Executive Director of the Human Relations Council. Interviewed 3 candidates with 3 more to go.
- DPD Chief's Advisory Council Meeting
- Served as one of the guest speakers at the Salem Avenue Business Association Meeting (SABA)
- Attended the Kettering Foundation Democracy and Arts Celebration
- Participated in the City of Dayton HRC Executive Director Interviews
- Central State University Workforce Advisory Board Meeting

- Dayton Convention Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Served as an Entrepreneur Panelist for Dayton Public Schools (Belmont High School & Thurgood Marshall STEAM High School)
- Attended the Recognition Banquet of Grandmaster Bob Estelle
- Attended a celebration honoring Tom Lasley, Founder of Learn to Earn
- Served as a guest reader during the Goodwill Easter Seals “Leaders Are Readers” Live morning broadcast of the Dayton Daily News
- Presented a Citation of Honor to Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Hayes upon his retirement from Greater St. John Missionary Church after 43 years of service
- Gave remarks at the President’s Club of Dayton monthly meeting to educate their members about our organization.
- Attended the African American Visual Artists Guild to listen and observe the artwork of seasoned as well as up and coming artist.
- Attended the Dayton NAACP Youth Consortium Annual Chili Cook-Off. **GREAT JOB!!!**
- Attended Congressman Mike Turner Community Service Award Recognition honoring Marya Rutherford Long, Vice President for Fifth Third Bank.
- Participated in the AKA Frosted Pearls Ball by receiving the annual \$1,000 donation from their organization.
- Introduced the Honorable Denise Williams, President of the Springfield NAACP, during their Freedom Fund Banquet. Attorney Benjamin Crump was their keynote speaker.

## **NAACP 2022 Annual Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order & Invocation by Karen Boykins Towns

Invocation

Annual Meeting Minutes Approval

Introductions

Tributes

Guest Poet Laureate

Chairman’s Remarks

Treasurer’s Report

Annual Election Supervisory Committee Report

President and CEO’s Report

Foundation Board Chairman’s Remarks

Greetings from NAACP Units

New Business

Adjournment

## **NAACP Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Called to Order & Invocation by Chairman Leon W. Russell

Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the consent Agenda

Election Supervisory Committee Report

Report of Officers

- Chairman's Report
  - Audit Report
  - Convention Planning Committee Report
  - Image Awards Committee Report
- President/CEO's Report
- Foundation Board Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
  - Committee on Membership & Units
  - National Youth Works Committee
  - Advocacy & Policy
- Adjournment

## **CRATI Virtual Session I**

- Opening Session
- Strategy Refresh: C-HOPE Overview
- Strategic Communications: Telling Our Story
- Building People Power Through Membership Drives
- Policy and Legislative Affairs | Follow the Money: Broadband Access for All
- Make it Work: Building Your Campaign Strategy
- Unit Administration = Unit Effectiveness
- Community Oversight Committee
- Education Innovation
- Learning and Impact
- Membership
- Secretary Training
- Unit Advocacy Training

## **NAACP 114<sup>th</sup> National Convention Report 2023 (Boston, MA)**

7/28/23 – 8/2/23 – Attended the following sessions of the convention:

- Convention Registration
- Prayer & Memorial Breakfast
- ACT-SO Awards Ceremony
- Opening Public Mass Meeting
- Chairman’s Reception
- Region 3 Meeting (2)
  - Elected to serve on the Election Supervisory Committee
- Plenary Session
- National Credentials Committee Meeting
  - Elected to serve as Chair of the National Credentials Committee
- President’s Reception
- Plenary Session – 2023 Resolutions
- National Membership Luncheon
- Election of At-Large Member, National Board of Directors
- Labor Luncheon
- Spingarn Freedom Fund Awards Dinner

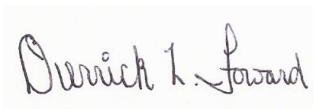
## **Ohio Conference NAACP 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention (Columbus, OH)**

9/8/23 – 9/9/23 – Attended the following sessions of the convention:

- Convention Registration
- Convention Committees Elections (Time and Place & Resolutions Committees)
- Black Media Luncheon – Bobby Henry, Chair National Newspaper Publishers Association
- Media Workshop - “Intergenerational”
- “Legacy Conversation” Workshop - Unity Coalition, Petee Tally and Pres Roberts

- Executive Committee Meeting
- President's Reception
- Candidates Forum
- Opening of Convention – Chairman Washington Opening Remarks
- Opening Plenary Session - “Intergenerational Dialogue”
- “Traumatic Effect of Racism on Black People and Black Organizations”
- Election Begins via Election Buddy
- WIN Luncheon
- Closing Session
- Post Convention Reception Meet & Greet Labor Leaders “Civil Rights and the Labor Movement”

Your community servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrick L. Foward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Derrick L. Foward