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OF
DERRICK LEE FOWARD
THE 34TH PRESIDENT
AND THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE DAYTON UNIT NAACP



JANUARY 12, 2023



James Weldon Johnson
1871 – 1938



John Rosamond Johnson
1873 – 1954

Many people are surprised to learn that “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” was first written as a poem. Created by James Weldon Johnson, it was performed for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln’s Birthday on 12, 1900 in Jacksonville, Florida. The poem was set to music by James’ brother, John Rosamond Johnson, and soon adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as *The Negro National Anthem*.

Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing

The Negro National Anthem

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson, *Diplomat, Journalist and Songwriter*

Music by John Rosamond Johnson, *Composer and Actor*

Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Dayton Branch of the NAACP 55th Inauguration Ceremony

Dayton Metro Library - Main
215 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45402
Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Emcee/Host Fred Strahorn, *Former Ohio State Senator*

Community Servants Call To Action Rev. Tyrone Bonner, *Pastor*
Matthew 25:32-46 *Salem Missionary Baptist Church*

The National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner"
Minister John Burg, *Recording Artist*

The Negro National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"
Minister John Burg, *Recording Artist*

The Welcome Mattie P. White
Vice President-elect

The Purpose Willie A. Terrell, Jr.
Third Vice President-elect

**Civic Engagement Charge
To The Community** Tom M. Roberts, *Former Ohio Senator*
Second Vice President-elect

Proclamation/Commendation The Honorable Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.
Mayor, City of Dayton
The Honorable Desiree Tims
Ohio State Representative, 38th House District
The Honorable Willis E. Blackshear, Jr.
Ohio State Senator, 6th Senate District

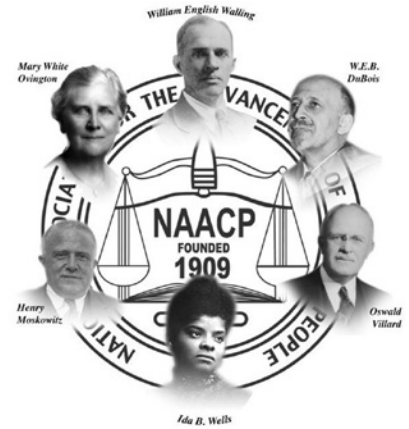
The Oath of Office Administered by The Honorable Deirdre E. Logan
Administrative Judge
Dayton Municipal Court

Musical Selection Minister John Burg, *Recording Artist*

Presidential Inaugural Address The Honorable Dr. Derrick L. Foward
President

**Prayer For Community Leaders
and Benediction** Rev. Tyrone Bonner, *Pastor*
Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Exodus 18:19-23

Reception immediately following the Ceremony in The Eichelberger Forum.



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE NAACP

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

VISION STATEMENT OF THE DAYTON UNIT NAACP

The Vision of the Dayton Branch NAACP 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**.

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National Theme

**All
In!**

Local Theme

**Fully
Committed!**



Congratulations!
To The Foward Administration

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The Honorable Dr. Derrick L. Foward, 34th President
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Leon W. Russell
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