



NAACP

Manchester Branch

Freedom Fund Dinner 2024

Saturday October 19th, 6pm to 9pm

Doors Open at 5:30 pm. Virtual Event starts at 7pm.

**Location: Hybrid at Bedford Event Center 379 South River Road Bedford,
NH**

Theme: All In

Keynote Speaker: California's 17th District Congressman Ro Khanna

The Freedom Fund Dinner is our way of lifting up those who exemplify the values and philosophy of the NAACP. It is a time to come together and celebrate each other and recognize heroes for social justice.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Tracy Strombom & Paige Potts

Welcome Message: Dr. Tracy Strombom

Invocation: Reverend Kali Fyre

Lift Every Voice by Duke Addy, Student @ St Anselm College

NEAC President Remarks: Tanisha Sullivan

Spoken Word: Israel Small, Student @ St Anselm College

President's Remarks: Mr. James T. McKim Jr.

-- BREAK --

Keynote Speaker: Congressman Ro Khanna

Award Presentations: Mr. James T. McKim Jr.

Closing Remarks: Dr. Tracy Strombom

-- We Shall Overcome --

Benediction: Reverend Jean Beniste

WELCOME TO THE 2024 FREEDOM FUND EVENT



As you may know, the Freedom Fund Event is our largest fundraising effort of the year. It fuels our activities for the entire year.

This year's event comes just before what promises to be the most important election in our nation's history. I know we have heard that same refrain for the past few elections but I believe most people feel it is actually true this election.

The divisiveness we have seen in our society has been amplified by our leaders to the point where we wonder if our nation can be saved. New Hampshire has not escaped this divisiveness. The Greater Manchester area has not been as affected as much, but there are still places where people of color do not feel welcome or even safe.

As we cannot count on our leaders to save us, we have to save ourselves. Thus, this year's event topic is All In. It is a continuation of the theme of this July's NAACP Annual Convention. And to help us understand how we can be All In, even here in New Hampshire, we are pleased to have Congressman Ro Khanna from California's 17th District, as our keynote speaker and special guest. He will share his thoughts on how we can close the divide and hold our leaders accountable for leading us with honesty and integrity. I hope you will hear his message and work with us to live into it.

The purpose of his event is, also, to lift up those who have been exemplary in their actions to fulfill the NAACP mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. I offer my congratulations to all our award winners.

Many thanks to the Freedom Fund Committee who has worked hard to make this event happen. My thanks to our sponsors, and to you for your attendance in what I know will be a great event we will be talking about for years to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. McKinley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Manchester NAACP President

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING LYRICS

Lift every 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 chastening 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,
Til 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 has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has
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, 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.

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING LYRICS



Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" or "The Harp", a sculpture created by Harlem Renaissance artist Augusta Savage for the World's Fair, depicted on the cover of the April 1939 issue of the NAACP's The Crisis magazine.

Often referred to as 'The Black National Anthem," Lift Every Voice and Sing was a hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900.

At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson's lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CONGRESSMAN RO KHANNA



Representative Ro Khanna is a leading progressive voice in the House working to restore American manufacturing and technology leadership, improve the lives of working people, and advance U.S. leadership on climate, human rights, and diplomacy around the world. He believes our nation needs a new economic patriotism to create jobs in the industries of the future and unify Americans -- from the South to the heartland to the coasts -- around a shared purpose.

Khanna proudly represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving his fourth term. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies and Information Systems (CITI), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, a member of the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, and on the Oversight and Accountability committee, where he previously chaired the Environmental Subcommittee.

He has worked across the aisle to deliver on legislation to invest in science and technology, create millions of good paying tech jobs and revitalize American manufacturing and production. Khanna authored the Endless Frontier Act, which formed the basis for the sweeping CHIPS and Science Act signed into law by President Biden.

As Chair of the House Oversight and Reform Environmental Subcommittee, Khanna brought the CEOs of six major fossil fuel companies before Congress to testify under oath about climate disinformation for the first time in history. He also held hearings to investigate the health harms associated with leaded aviation fuel, implement better wildfire preparation measures, and protect America's food supply from the threats posed by climate change. During the Inflation Reduction Act negotiations, Khanna played a key role in ensuring that important climate provisions remained in the final deal.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

He is committed to using his position to advance a foreign policy of military restraint and diplomatic engagement. Instead of spending trillions on wars overseas, Khanna believes we should invest in priorities at home like Medicare for All, affordable childcare and free public college and vocational school. To pay for his own higher education, he took out over \$100,000 dollars in student loans and as a member of Congress he has called for student loan debt forgiveness – the more, the better. Khanna is a strong supporter of the labor movement and has pushed for policies like the PRO Act to ensure that no one with a full-time job needs to rely on food stamps, housing vouchers, or other welfare. He is also one of only a few members of Congress to refuse contributions from PACs and lobbyists. He supports a 12-year term limit for Members of Congress, 18 years for Supreme Court Justices, and a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United. Since arriving in Congress, he has had five bills signed into law.

Khanna was born in Philadelphia, PA, during America's bicentennial, to a middle-class family. Both of his parents immigrated to the United States in the 1970s from India in search of opportunity and a better life for their children. His father is a chemical engineer and his mother is a substitute school teacher. Rep. Khanna's commitment to public service was inspired by his grandfather who was active in Gandhi's independence movement, worked with Lala Lajpat Rai in India, and spent several years in jail for promoting human rights.

Prior to serving in Congress, he taught economics at Stanford University and served as deputy assistant secretary of commerce in the Obama administration. He has written two books: *Entrepreneurial Nation: Why Manufacturing is Still Key to America's Future and Dignity in a Digital Age*.

Khanna graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago and received a law degree from Yale University. As a student at the University of Chicago, he walked precincts during Barack Obama's first campaign for the Illinois Senate in 1996.

In his free time, Khanna enjoys cheering for the Golden State Warriors, watching movies, and traveling. He calls Fremont home, and he and his wife Ritu have two young children.

AWARDS

**Congratulations
to the
2024
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Award Recipients**



HISTORY OF THE NAACP



The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 by a multiracial group activist and interested citizens.

The principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States. The NAACP is committed to non-violence and relies upon the press, the petition, the ballot, and the courts, even in the face of overt and violent racial hostility.

Manchester, New Hampshire Branch #2069 was established in 1964 by a group of Black and white citizens who believed in the democratic process to ensure equal opportunity for all. The organization was founded at a time in the history of New Hampshire when the minority population was very small. Residents of African descent were subjected to the typical social practices current at that time. As the nascent Civil Rights movement was emerging in the South, the New Hampshire Union Leader became a vocal opponent; however, the Manchester NAACP founders believed that the principles of freedom and democracy were not limited by race, creed or color. They came together to form a chapter of the NAACP, the premier civil rights organization of the day, as a beacon of support for brotherhood and civil rights.

In its 55-year history, the leadership and membership of the organization has been a testament to the diversity of Manchester, New Hampshire. Branch activities have included housing and employment discrimination programs, college preparation workshops and support for the passage of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. state holiday.

Individuals of every age, race, religion and creed have been members of the Manchester Branch. Despite the challenges faced by members, Branch #2069 has been chartered for 55 years continuously. We continue to carry on the tradition of the largest and oldest, the best and boldest civil rights organization in America.

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PURPOSE OF THE NAACP

Mission:

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Objectives:

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution-the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effect of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

BECOME A MEMBER



Manchester NAACP Monthly Meetings

Our membership meets every fourth Thursday of each month to discuss important issues that are affecting our community. Our Committees meet monthly to plan ways to address these issues in the sectors of education, health, economy, environment, and criminal justice.

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