

# PROFILES

## NAACP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

### SARANN KNIGHT PREDDY

The election of officers for the local chapter, NAACP, will be held at the chapter office, Saturday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m. 7 p.m.

Vying for the presidential seat will be long-time resident Sarann Knight Preddy.

She will face Sgt. Lovell Gaines, a correctional supervisor at the Southern Nevada Correctional Center at Jean.

Ms. Preddy, who is vice president of the chapter and who has served in that capacity for two terms, has been a resident of Las Vegas for 38 years, and owns the People's Choice at Owens Avenue and "H" Street.

She has been a member of the NAACP for 30 years and is a past president of the Hawthorne (Nev.) branch.

During her involvement with the local chapter, she has served on practically every committee to include Finance, Membership, Fund Raising and organized the Womens Auxiliary of the branch.

Ms. Preddy received the NAACP Woman of the Year award during Charles Kellar's administration in the '60s.

She is also a member of the Baselius Alpha Rho chapter, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority and was feted during their Fourth Annual "This Is Your Life" banquet in July.

She is the mother of 4 children (3 sons and a daughter) and married to Joe Preddy.

A diligent, dedicated worker, Ms. Preddy was and continues to be a forerunner, in her work with the Ebony Fashion Fair, to have the sponsoring organization to offer a portion of the proceeds for scholarships.

She has been a front-line fighter for equal employment opportunities for blacks in the Las Vegas gaming industry.

Ms. Preddy has been "one of the field-generals" in the local effort to seek equal justice for members of the black community and did so with considerable sacrifice and dedication.

### SGT. LOVELL GAINES

Sgt. Lovell Gaines, a correctional supervisor at the Southern Nevada Correctional Center at Jean and candidate for the presidency of the local chapter, NAACP comes also with strong credentials for the post.

Gaines has been a Nevada resident since 1972. A native of Louisiana, he attended Louisiana State University and earned a BA degree in government. He did post graduate work at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana majoring in the field of public administration and did post graduate work at LSU in the same work.

He later was an instructor in Project Turn (Transforming Utilizing Non-Segregated Schools) at LSU and later

worked at the Exxon Oil Co., at Louisiana in public administration.

He has served extensively and th honors in the military service having graduated from the Military Police Academy in Augusta, Georgia; Defense Language Institute at Ft. Bliss, Texas and Military Intelligence School at Fort Haliburg, Maryland.

He also graduated as an Equal Opportunity Specialist in Coco Beach, Florida. He is the recipient of three Bronze Star Medals for bravery in Vietnam.

Gaines was involved as a fund-raiser for NAACP chapter in Baton Rouge; served on their youth and education committees; was a member of the Voters League and Grievance Com-

mittee of the Baton Rouge branch; served as a Senior Citizens Volunteer and member of the Black Studies Curriculum Committee at LSU.

He is president of the Nevada Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice and is a Mason. He is a member of the Nevada Peace Officer's Association, American Correctional Association.

He also received the Toastmaster of the Year award (1975) "I Dare You Awards" while a student at LSU. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta & Pi Kappa Delta Fraternity-national honor fraternity.

Gaines is married and the father of two children.

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Aloyd McCord is a native Arkansan. She is a graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rock with Post-Graduate Studies at Chapman College. A Toler Realty Associate for the past 2 years she brings real enthusiasm to Residential sales. Aloyd has resided in Las Vegas for 5 years with her husband Ron and 2 children.



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