

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Happy New Year

There are three kinds of bees in the world. First, there is the Bumble Bee. Secondly, the Honey Bee. And thirdly, the Used to Be.

What kind of bee are you? If you live in Clark County, having come from some other part of the U.S. where you were a member and active with the N.A.A.C.P., then you are a . . .

Used To Be

If you are Black, and older

than seventeen years, and not an active member of the Las Vegas Branch N.A.A.C.P., then you are not aware of this fact, but you are a stumbling block to the orderly progress of the "Fight for Freedom." You, as a vital statistic in Clark County, are not helpful to the movement towards freedom!

All of the racial groups in America with hyphenated names find themselves coming and pulling together

for their own security, protection and advancement, except Afro-Americans. To make my point I will name a few of them: American-Indian, Chinese-American, French-American, Japanese-American, Italian-American, Asian-American, Mexican-American, German-American, Irish-American, Polish-American, Swedish-American.

**Where Do You Stand?
Are You The Solution
Or The Problem?**

Eldridge Clever once said, "If you are not a part of the solution, you are the problem."

The Nevada Black Resource Council, a group of Black organizations have decided to support and work towards the following Black agenda.

1. Representation of

Blacks on all Boards and Commissions in the state of Nevada.

2. To have parity in governmental entities on all employment levels.

3. Set aside contracts for Black Entrepreneurs, regarding purchasing and procurement on all governmental levels.

4. Direct and in-depth participation in Economic Development and Diversification on all levels.

5. Equity and Fairness in receiving Public and Private Financing.

6. Establish Post Graduate Training Programs for Former Clark County students who are still remedial in Basics and Job Specific Skills.

7. To establish Senior Citizens' Convalescent quarters. People in public housing can be relocated into

individual homes in light of the extreme number of repossessions taking place within the community.

NBRC

The Black Community has held meetings with Black organizations and Black community leadership out of these meetings have come the formulation of the Nevada Black Resource Council.

The purpose of establishing an informal community forum was to collectively demand, appeal, support and coordinate the Black Community needs.

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In a number of high schools, the Explorer division also conducts, in cooperation with the career education teacher, a lecture series. Individuals from selected occupations and professions are invited to the school to address the students. Over 125 such presentations will be made this year by members of the professional and industrial community. Students have a chance to ask questions and to interact with these practitioners. It is no longer a guessing game for the student. This is realistic and viable information.

Every program costs and the Explorer program is no exception; however, the partnership program extends into another community area; the Rotary Clubs of Clark County provide the funds to pay the registration fee for the students who participate. Career Education in Clark County is a cooperative effort between the District, the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts, and the service clubs. Many such fine programs sometimes go unnoticed, but their success is measured in individual student achievement. From the work of this partnership endeavor, secondary students in Clark County have a chance to gain important firsthand information about job preparation, job skills, and job opportunities. They need not, in later adult life, find themselves a job that is unrewarding. Information for these students now has made the 15,000 job titles not just a figure, but a realistic choice. Career education is another important aspect of education and one in Clark County that is equally shared by school and community.

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their full potential. We need to encourage our students not just to accept the first available job upon graduation from high school, but to look into the future and to reach beyond themselves. A college education can be a reality for many of our students, and should be a reality. Participation in all facets of the school program should be one of our goals for our students, and we need to maintain an open communication system so that concerns may not become problems which need major solutions.

The new year, 1986, can be a year as positive, as fulfilling, and as significant as 1985. We will all need to work together to make this happen. As I have reported to you so many times, I truly believe that together we can make a difference and that difference is for our children. Having provided these thoughts I want now to wish you the happiest of new years.

JACOB

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the black drive to freedom in South Africa.

But perhaps the most significant positive in 1985 was the growing activism within the black community to deal with problems like teenage pregnancy, crime, education, and the plight of female-headed households. A broad array of black institutions are targeting such community problems for attention, and much is being done.

The black community knows that its problems won't be changed without significant changes in public policies, but there is also a conviction that they won't be changed without community participation either.

That has resulted in a conviction that black people have to do what they can for themselves, while continuing to pressure private and public authorities to create jobs, train the jobless, feed the hungry and provide quality education for all.

So while there was much in 1985 that was negative, there were important positives, as well. In 1986, we'll have to build on those positives to work for a society that functions better for everybody.

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