

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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--NAACP: Friends and Enemies--

Only you the reader knows whether you are in fact an enemy or friend of the NAACP. If you are not registered to vote or did not vote in the last election and are not a current member of the NAACP, then this writer considers you an enemy, not only of the NAACP but the race, state and nation, because Dr. Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers gave their lives for the cause so you can have the opportunity to vote. If you happen to be an enemy of the NAACP, you can change your position from enemy to friend by

coming to the NAACP office to register to vote and sign up as an NAACP member. In your vote you have the power to do many great things for yourself and the community. In your vote you have the power to elect a mayor of North Las Vegas, two more City Councilmen of North Las Vegas and a member of the City Council of Las Vegas. Additionally, as a result of your vote you would have representation and power on many boards and committees in the city and county government.

--30,000 Blacks Unregistered to Vote--

In Clark County there are

approximately 30,000 Black people in Clark County who are not registered to vote. The Nevada Voters League in its regular weekly meeting, Thursday, January 29, at 5:30 p.m. voted to hold a Black Voters Convention in Las Vegas to select and endorse candidates to run in the spring of 1987 election in Clark County. The League meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 940 W. Owens. In the near future a date will be set for the aforementioned convention.

--Jesse Jackson at Heritage Hall--

On Saturday, January 31, at 10:00 a.m. Jesse Jackson, the 1984 Rainbow Coalition candidate for president of the United States, was the principal speaker in a community rally at Heritage Hall in the Nucleus Plaza Center, 932 W. Owens Avenue. Jesse spoke about the lack of parity and inequality in employment and contract awards for Blacks in Clark County. To a standing room only crowd, Jesse also told the audience a Black political rally will be held in Las Vegas on April 5, for the purpose of registering the 30,000 Blacks in Clark County who are not registered to vote. If you are interested in becoming a deputy registrar, you should come to the Nevada's Voter's League meeting at 940 W. Owens Ave. every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

--NAACP Monthly Meeting Sunday--

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP will hold its monthly meeting Sunday, February 8, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. in the Branch Office. Special guests for this meeting will be NAACP Youth Council and the Black student leadership from several high schools in Clark County.

--Job Bank Hours--

If you are looking for a job, you should come to the office on Monday nights from 5 to 7 p.m.

New HUD Project Coordinated by NEDCO

By William H. "Bob" Bailey

The Nevada Economic Development Company (NEDCO) is now involved in a new program developed through the Secretary's Office of the Department (HUD). This program is directly related to the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG) activities within the State of Nevada. NEDCO's role in this program is to provide management and technical assistance to disadvantaged and minority business entrepreneurs in trades and businesses related to community or economic development.

NEDCO will attempt to help qualified businesses procure (CDBG/UDAG contracts to increase their per capital income and expand employment opportunities in CDBG/UDAG communities.

The major grantees in Nevada are the City of Las Vegas, the County of Clark, the City of Reno, and the State of Nevada. NEDCO is developing a productive and extensive network between the grantees, subgrantees and the targeted entrepreneurs in all communities in the State of Nevada. NEDCO will serve as a conduit between the grantees by providing a community link between Northern and Southern Nevada and enhancing the data base of activities that can be utilized by various community-based organizations to appraise the constituents of the opportunities through CDBG expenditures.

An extensive effort will be placed upon identifying women business entrepreneurs and properly categorize them in various business pursuits.

NEDCO's delivery system of technical assistance services includes a procurement marketing program utilizing two 800-HOT LINES. The HOT LINE link can be utilized by both subgrantees and entrepreneurs to obtain information on the

opportunities offered in each locale where planned expenditures of CDBG funds will be on the planning board. HOT LINE numbers are 1-800-445-6064 and 1-800-445-6062. The 6062 number will be tied to a tape recorded message of recent procurement contract opportunities.

NEDCO will develop a State Minority Entrepreneur and Women in Business directory which will give a profile on each business. Entrepreneurs are invited to provide information concerning their companies to NEDCO for inclusion in this directory if the company is 51 percent ethnic minority or women owned. Call NEDCO's office at 384-3293 for further information on how to qualify.

NEDCO is actively assisting contractors in bid preparation, required paperwork and follow-up negotiations with developers and financial institutions for projects generated through local CDBG programs. Assistance is also given to the contractor in developing bids and bonding where it is necessary.

NEDCO is sponsoring, in conjunction with the grantees, ten workshops and seminars directed toward providing small, disadvantaged, and women entrepreneurs with technical assistance and information required to compete for government and private sector contracts.

The workshops and seminars will be conducted by outstanding persons in their various fields of endeavors. Topics include construction management, insurance and bonding, financial assistance, legal accounting techniques, bidding procedures, trade techniques, federal regulations, state and local regulations, contracting, procurement opportunities, additional sources for assistance and financial management and bookkeeping. Dates will be announced with ample time for planning attendance.

the NEDCO Opportunity News newsletter will be a monthly source through which minority small businesses and women-owned businesses will be kept aware of the "World of CDBG Opportunities."

UNLV Hosts Black History Month Events

UNLV's Black Faculty Alliance plans to celebrate Black History Month in February by hosting a number of events on the university campus.

A luncheon will kick off the activities Feb. 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom. Members of UNLV's black fraternities and sororities will speak about Black History Month and what it means to them. The luncheon is free and open to the public; reservations are required.

Two noted black authors will give public talks. South African author and playwright Zakes Makae will speak about apartheid and its present state at noon on Feb. 11 in the MSU Fireside Lounge. Poet and recording artist Nikki Giovanni will share her poetry and her thoughts in a dynamic presentation on Feb. 27, 8 p.m., in UNLV's Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. Both engagements are free and open to the public.

At the Feb. 12 UNLV Runnin' Rebels basketball game, the Platters will sing the national anthem, and the Westernettes, a local black dance troupe, will perform during half time.

UNLV students will present short skits and speeches about famous black leaders on Feb. 17, noon, in the MSU Fireside Lounge.

New Visions Inc. will host the Second Annual Visions Business and Community Service Awards Banquet on Feb. 28, 7 p.m., in the MSU Ballroom. This special event honors those businesses, organizations, and individuals who are making the most of their opportunities and who are working to find a better solution to community problems. Tickets cost \$25.

For more information regarding any of the above events, call Jim Kitchen at 739-3177.



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