

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Most NAACP members do not attend the monthly meetings of the NAACP and therefore, they do not know the works and accomplishments of the Branch, its president and executive

committee.

The purpose of this report is to assist you in becoming better acquainted with the activities and involvements of your NAACP.

LAS VEGAS BRANCH NAACP THREE YEARS OF UNPARALLELED HISTORY

In just three short years this branch membership, executive committee and its president have been more than successful in its programmatic thrust of extending hope to the hopeless.

Beginning in January of 1987, this branch had three hundred members, the office was located at the intersection of W. Owens Ave. and So. Main St., just outside of the black community, no money in the bank, no credit and three months arrears in the office rent.

Since then the branch has located within the black community, the rent has been reduced from \$450.00 per month to \$220.00 per month and a membership increase to more than 600 members.

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The branch has received an immeasurable amount of public notice through the weekly writing of the president in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice newspaper. "The NAACP and You" announces meetings and activities.

"The Word of God" Broadcast is heard every Sunday morning on KCEP radio station - 88.1 on the FM dial at 6:30 a.m. The message of the NAACP is heard by a listening audience of approximately 100,000 people.

Countless numbers of press conferences and press releases have been issued setting forth the NAACP position on many different issues by the president.

In the Spring of each year the NAACP and McDonald's Corp. have jointly sponsored job fairs to bring job seekers and the employer together for those young people who could not find employment for themselves.

NAACP Jubilee Sunday is held once a year and the public is invited to celebrate the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation which set the slaves free from physical slavery.

The Freedom Fund Banquet under the chairmanship of Mrs. Juanita Simmons, Dr. James McMillan and Mrs. Ida

Gaines has grossed more than \$50,000.00 and provided in the form of Freedom Fund Assessment to the National NAACP more than \$17,000.00.

The NAACP Complaint Committee through the leadership of its chairman Mr. Thomas Leigh meets every Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. in the branch office and has processed more than 100 complaints per year.

A Voter Registration Committee has also been formed under the leadership of Mrs. Geraldine Leigh who works during the week and on weekends in shopping malls and elsewhere registering people to vote.

The NAACP membership has increased decisively due to the membership committee and the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Juanita Simmons. During Mrs. Simmons' convalescence, the work of the membership committee is being carried on by Mr. Sam Wright. The Resource and Development Committee under the leadership of Attorney Arthur Williams has been, and is, a vital adjunct in providing manpower, technology and general assistance to other committees. Attorney Williams is doing a magnificent job in encouraging other black professionals to get involved with the work of the NAACP.

The ACT/SO Committee, under the tenacious leadership of Mrs. Anika Johnson encourages our black boys and girls to stay in school and excel in the classroom just as they excel on the football field and basketball court. This branch has invested more than \$10,000.00 in this program.

Under the courageous leadership of the branch former president, Dr. James McMillan, this branch is a part of the Clark County School District integration plan. The branch gave a unanimous vote to support the Black Educators of Clark County in their lawsuit against Clark County Schools. The lawsuit charges the school district with a failure to educate black boys and girls. An elementary school has been named in honor of Dr. McMillan. Dr. McMillan has given fantastic leadership to this committee.

This branch has purchased a computer to keep its membership updated and a newsletter to members and the public. This program is under the capable leadership of Mr. Sam Wright.

The NAACP Senior Citizens Committee through the in-

sistence and courage of Mrs. Ruby Garland, has been instrumental in making it possible that North Las Vegas shall soon have a nutrition and Senior Center. Mrs. Garland also holds a statewide office at AARP.

The NAACP Ladies Auxiliary has not been able to function due to the recent illness of Mrs. Lubertha Johnson, a former branch president.

The branch president is in the process of forming a committee of Clark County citizens to receive and process citizens' complaints alleging police misconduct and/or brutality against metro police department. The black elected officials will nominate a committee and the executive committee will approve the members of this committee.

Through Mr. Thomas Leigh's assistance the NAACP now has two receptionists who are paid for by AARP. These employees take messages, answer the telephones and write NAACP memberships.

The NAACP Black Dollar Days Committee is headed by Mr. Ernest Fountain, who will demonstrate to both black and white establishments the actual, as well as the potential, power of black controlled dollars.

The NAACP Legal Aid Committee is designed to give legal assistance to those who can least afford it and is headed by Attorneys Thomas Peterson and Kay Bennett.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet '90 Chairperson is Mrs. Yolanda Arrington, who is assisted by Attorney Arthur Williams.

The office personnel and office committee headed by Mr. Sam Wright, along with Mrs. Verlia Davis and Attorney Arthur Williams, is in the process of acquiring office furniture.

The Finance and Audit Committee, staffed by Mrs. Teola Williams, Treasurer, Mr. David Hoggard, a former branch president, and Mr. Sam Wright, has done well with its duties.

Computerization of the NAACP membership and the publishing of the branch Newsletter "NAACP Today" has been realized through the skillful and intellectual hands of Mr. Sam Wright.

A part-time secretary in the person of Mrs. Patricia Register, is now available to compute, compile and coordinate all of these programmatic thrusts, including its membership and the "NAACP Today" newsletter.

ACT-SO Awards To Be Given

The NAACP'S YOUTH GROUP'S ACT-SO Awards Night will take place Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Rancho High School, 1900 E. Owens Avenue.

General admission is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for students and seniors.

First place winners in the competition will represent the State of Nevada at the National Finals to be held in Los Angeles during the National NAACP Convention in July.

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Japanese and a reduction in the living standard of all Americans. Take your choice.

No one is challenging the Japanese, other than with unworkable protectionist rhetoric, to conduct themselves in our country according to our laws.

There are no laws that say Japanese have to like Black or Hispanic people, but there are laws that say they cannot discriminate against them. The government would not allow Detroit automobile companies to use the same tactics.

The Japanese are getting away with it, because they have become America's new economic master.

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port for a racist candidate.

If Duke wins the Republican primary, the November election will have profound national implications. What will the stance of the Republican National Committee and the Republican Party led by President George Bush and Mr. Lee Atwater be? One of the leaders of the Louisiana Republican Party, Mr. Neil Curran stated, "Many party leaders are afraid of antagonizing those people David Duke has been able to mislead thus far in his one-way dialogue."

The politics of racism must not go unchallenged in Louisiana or anywhere else in this nation. It is long overdue for the Republican Party to speak out against all forms of racism including the antics of politicians like David Duke. The President of the United States should have the courage to call on the people of Louisiana to reject racism in the political process.

We believe one of the reasons why President Bush is rather soft in his denunciation of apartheid in South Africa is because he is also soft in his denunciation of racism here in the United States of America. For a candidate to openly promote nazism, bigotry, racism, anti-semitism, and economic exploitation and then to gain increasing access to political power poses renewed concern for the need for continued social change in the democratic structure of our society.

Despite the social progress that has been accomplished, the pursuit of equal justice and democracy for all people is yet an unattained goal. We will not allow, however, the David Dukes of this world to stop the struggle to attain freedom and justice for all.

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