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Message from the President

The mission of the NAACP continues to be to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of minority groups and eliminate prejudice by removing all barriers of racial discrimination through the democratic process.

We will continue to help those that feel that they have been discriminated against in any form. Your civil rights are very important to us.

Our **Legal Redress Committee** has been busy following up on several discrimination complaints. Remember, it takes time to solve most of the complaints. If you feel that you have been discriminated against, please file a complaint. The complaint form can be downloaded from our website at www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

Candidates' Night was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at the McLean Hilton hotel. Hopefully, you were there to meet the candidates and let them know that our votes will not be overlooked, forgotten, or taken for granted.

Our **Free Health Fair** was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church. It was a great success with lots of information to help you take better care of yourself.

Please come out to our **Fall Bazaar** on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The location is 6204 Falcon Landing Court, Burke, VA 22015.

The NAACP was founded in 1909. It is now 100 years old. A few brave African American citizens founded the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP in 1915. It is the first rural branch and it is now 94 years old. On December 18, 2009, we will have our **Centennial Dinner** to celebrate the 100 years of the NAACP and 94 years of the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP. *Please come out and help us celebrate.* The celebration will be held at the Gum Springs Community Center. Tickets will be available for purchase on October 13, 2009. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16.50 for those 16 and under.

With unity and renewed commitment, The Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP can deal with the many challenges facing us in the 21st century.

Olivia S. Jones-Smith
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President

The 50 Million Pound Challenge

The Fairfax County NAACP has joined the 50 Million Pound Challenge.

The number one health crisis facing all Americans is being overweight. In the last few decades, the percentage of overweight young Americans has more than doubled and obese adults nearly tripled (data from Health, U.S. 2006) Two out of every three adults (66%) today are considered either overweight or obese. Some 33% of American children and adolescents are overweight, and this number appears to be rising. The statistics for African Americans are even more alarming. Almost 80% of adult women and 67% of adult men are overweight. Teenagers are developing Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and, in some cases, early signs of heart disease.

We can do something to reverse this unhealthy trend. For many people losing weight is not just a matter of preference or fitting into a smaller size, but also a matter of life and death!

Please join the 50 Million Pound Challenge today. Visit the website at www.50millionpounds.com.

If you would like to join the Fairfax County NAACP Team, please contact our team leader Shirley Stewart at 703-464-0033 or email her at Shirley.Stewart3@verizon.net.

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Virginia General Election - November 3, 2009 - Candidates List

Governor:

Robert F. Bob McDonnell (R)
R. Creigh Deeds (D)

Lieutenant Governor:

William T. Bill Bolling (R)
Jody M. Wagner (D)

Attorney General:

Ken T. Cuccinelli II (R)
Stephen C. Shannon (D)

Members House of Delegates:

District 34:

Barbara J. Comstock (R)
Margaret G. Vanderhye (D)

District 35:

James E. "Jim" Hyland (R)
Mark L. Keam (D)

District 36:

Hugh M. Cannon (R)
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D)

District 37:

David L. Bulova (D)
Anna M. Choi (IG)
Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)

District 38:

Danny R. Smith (R)
L. Kaye Kory (D)

District 39:

Joseph G. "Joe" Bury (R)
Vivian E. Watts (D)
James L. "Jim" Leslie (IG)
Matt J. Cholko (L)

District 40:

Timothy D. Hugo (R)
Susan S. Conrad (D)

District 41:

Kerry D. Bolognese (R)
Dave W. Marsden (D)
C. Monique Berry (IG)

District 42:

David B. Albo (R)
Greg A. Werkheiser (D)

District 43:

Tim D. Nank (R)
Mark D. Sickles (D)

District 44:

James McConville (R)
Scott A. Surovell (D)
Glenda Gail Parker (IG)

District 45:

Vicki L. Vasques (R)
David L. Englin (D)

District 46:

Sasha Gong (R)
Charniele L. Herring (D)

District 49:

Adam P. Ebbin (D)

District 53:

Christopher D. Merola (R)
James M. "Jim" Scott (D)

District 67:

James M. LeMunyon (R)
C. Chuck Caputo (D)

District 86:

Thomas Davis Rust (R)
Stevens R. Miller (D)

School Board Member:

District: Providence District:
Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)
John N. Jennison (I)
Patricia S. "Patty" Reed (I)

**Exercise
your
right to
VOTE.**

**Be sure to vote in
the Virginia General
Election on
November 3, 2009.**

**Polls open at 6 A.M.
and close at 7 PM.**

Welcome New and Renewing Members

David G. Evans
Margaret Gamble
RC Gamble Jr.
Jacklyn Brown
Elnora M. Duncan
Dr. Constance Bails
Daniel E. Frye
Brenda G. Jackson
Evangelist Deborah L. Frye
Sandra L. Bell
Michael Lee Hardy Sr.
Lynette Simmons
Rev. Alex Carroll
Harry J. Pilson
Olivia S. Pilson
Sandra Graham

**Our membership drive is an ongoing activity.
Membership is the lifeblood of the NAACP.
Become a part of an organization that has fought
for over 100 years for racial equality for all
minorities.**

**Join the Fairfax County NAACP!!!
The membership form is on the back of this
newsletter.**

**If you would like to make a donation to the
Fairfax County Branch NAACP
Please send all donations to:
NAACP Fairfax County Branch
P.O. Box 2363
Falls Church, VA 22042**

We Appreciate Your Support!

Upcoming Events

Meet the Candidates Night

NAACP partnership with The Northern Virginia Black
Chamber of Commerce (NVBCC)
September 22, 2009 5:30 PM – 9 PM
The Hilton McLean Tyson Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

Health Fair

NAACP partnership with Greater Little
Zion Baptist Church
September 26, 2009 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
10185 Zion Drive
Fairfax, VA 22032

Fairfax NAACP Fall Bazaar

October 3, 2009 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
6204 Falcon Landing Court
Burke, VA 22015

Fairfax NAACP Centennial Celebration Dinner

December 18, 2009 7:30 pm – 9:45 pm
Gum Springs Community Center
8100 Fordson Road
Alexandria, VA 22306
Semi-Formal Attire Required
Tickets: \$25.00: Adults - \$12.50: 16 and under

For more information about these events, and others,
call the Branch at 703-591-4488, email our President
Olivia S. Jones-Smith at
naacpfairfaxcounty@yahoo.com or check our website
at www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

UNEMPLOYED?

The Capitol Hill Career Support Group

Offers helpful compassionate and practical sharing.
Every Monday from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
First Trinity Lutheran Church
309 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Sponsored by The Employment Support Center
1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007
202-628-2919
escjobclubs@yahoo.com

New Branch Website Address:

Please be aware that the Branch has a new website. The address is www.fairfaxnaacp.org. Check the site for information regarding the latest Branch events and activities. You can download the latest newsletter and view upcoming events on the Calendar page. You can also renew your membership online, if you wish. We would like to know what you think of the new site. So send us an email. Your feedback is valued.

Branch Mailing Address

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General Meeting

Our General meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 7 pm at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed to you, send your request to www.naacpfairfaxcounty@yahoo.com or email the Editor, Annie S. Whitehead, at answh100@cox.net. You can also download a copy of the newsletter from our website at www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

Youth Council Address

Youth Council #7736

P.O. Box 9281

Reston, VA 20190

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 4 pm. Location: George Mason University at the Johnson Center, Robeson Room 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030

Questions? Contact Reston Bell at RestonBell7@gmail.com.

From the Editor

For over a century, the NAACP has been a powerful force for racial and social justice. All the while leading the way on issues from the desegregation of our public schools to securing voting rights, and paving the way for this country to elect its first African American President. But no matter how many barriers have been broken, we still have a long way to go to make the promise of America a reality for all. Although the NAACP has been helping to improve the lives of minorities for 100 years the struggle continues.

Racial discrimination still exists in employment, law enforcement, education, racial profiling and sentencing disparities, housing, health care and the credit markets.

Nearly 50 million Americans are without health insurance.

The NAACP, Fairfax County Branch strives to be a resource for the entire community. While the Branch membership is primarily African Americans, we work closely with all segments of the community to fulfill the mission of the NAACP. We will continue to protect and enhance the civil rights of African Americans and others. We are living in problematic times. We must continue to make a difference in a world of indifference.

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Membership Form

ADULT: Mail your form to: Fairfax Branch, NAACP,
P.O. Box 2363, Falls Church, VA 22042

YOUTH: Mail your form to: Youth Council #7736
P.O. Box 9281, Reston, VA 20190

Please Print

Date.....

Name.....

Address.....

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City.....State.....Zip Code.....

Email Address.....

Your email address will be added to our email database and you will receive up to the minute information on all Branch events and activities.

Branch Affiliation: **#7066**

Date of Birth.....Current Membership #(If Renewal).....

Regular Annual Membership

Lifetime

Regular Adult.....\$30

Junior Life.....\$100

Youth With CRISIS.....\$15

Bronze Life.....\$400

Youth Without CRISIS ..\$10

Silver Life.....\$750

Annual Corporate.....\$5,000

Gold Life.....\$1,500

Diamond Life....\$2,500

Membership includes "CRISIS" Magazine.
The magazine of the NAACP.

Please make checks payable to Fairfax County Branch NAACP.

Thank you for your support.

Remember, a membership in the NAACP is your opportunity to give back to the organization that has done more to change this country for the betterment of people of color, women, and the disenfranchised than any other in the nation's history.