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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 race 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.*

I pray that you had a blessed holiday season and was able to help those that were in need of a helping hand. The NAACP sponsored two families during the holidays. We were able to provide gifts for newborns, preteens, and teenagers. Several families needed help in providing for their children. Thanks to all of the members that gave their time, gifts, and money. The families were very grateful.

In 2010, the Branch will focus on the education of African American students in Fairfax County. You are invited to participate in “**A Community Budget Dialogue**” with Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent, Jack Dale, on Saturday, January 9, 2010, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of

Vienna. The discussion topic will be “Understanding the Current Budget Crisis and Its Impact on African American Students.”

You are also invited to “A Commemoration of the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 10:00–12:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, Vienna, VA 22180. *The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith.*..

The Branch appreciates the support of the citizens of Fairfax County. We hope that you are able to attend some of the many events we hold throughout the year.

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 Fairfax County Branch of the
NAACP, Northern Virginia
Baptist Association, First Baptist
Church of Vienna, and the
Northern Virginia Urban League**

**Invites you to participate in a
Community Budget Dialogue with**

Fairfax County Public Schools
SUPERINTENDENT JACK DALE

Saturday, January 9, 2010
Noon to 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Vienna
450 Orchard Street, N.W.
Vienna, VA 22180

Discussion Topics:

Understanding the Current Budget Crisis
and its Impact on African American Students

Our community's renewed commitment to
ensuring African American student success

Additional participants include:

The Honorable Cathy Hudgins
Supervisor Hunter Mill District

The Honorable Tina Hone
Fairfax County School Board Member, At Large

Members of the School Board's
Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee

Key FCPS Budget and Program staff and others

We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP before January 7, 2010 to
Kathy Partlow at 571-423-1064
kathy.partlow@fcps.edu



**The Branch invites
you to attend a
Tribute to the Life and
Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.**

Please join us on
Monday, January 18, 2010
from 10 am - 12:30 pm at
First Baptist Church of Vienna,
450 Orchard Street, Vienna, VA 22180

**We will be celebrating the life
and legacy of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Guest speaker:

Rev. Pastor Kenny Smith, Past President
NAACP, Fairfax County Branch

We will have speakers from the
community as well as musical
performances by local choirs
and community volunteers
from the Fairfax County area

***Please come out and celebrate this
historical occasion with us.***

Membership News

We Want Your Email Address

The Branch sends out a weekly email to members. It is called "The Branch Weekly." This email is to keep our members informed of NAACP National, local, and community events. Sign up and you can get the latest NAACP news and information on your computer.

Please forward an email with your name, address, and email contact information to naacpmembers@aol.com to begin receiving the The Branch Weekly.

Also, if you are receiving this newsletter in the mail you can get it by email instead. Just send your name, address, and email info to the newsletter editor, Annie Whitehead, at answh100@cox.net.

Welcome New and Renewing Members

Gaea L. Honeycutt
Thelma E. English
Lewis Ross Brown
Lewis Ross Brown Jr.
Shamira Brown
Marcia Crockett
Cynthia W. Colton
Muriel A. Brown
Eldra C. James
Owen Shortt

NAACP Membership Drive

The Branch membership drive is ongoing. Join today and become one of the hundreds of thousands of NAACP Freedom Fighters across the globe!

The work of the Branch - equality and justice for all - depends on the support and participation of caring and progressive individuals like you.

A stronger NAACP with a larger, more active membership is the best hope for protecting our freedom and advancing our rights. As an added member benefit, you will receive the [NAACP Perks Card](#). The card offers our members great benefits and will grant access to a number of local and national discounts.

If you have concerns about the status of civil rights in America and abroad subscribe to our member publication, [The Crisis](#).

You may join online at www.fairfaxnaacp.org/Membership.html, via a secure server, using your credit/debit card. *Please be sure to enter your unit affiliation, which is Unit 7066.*

Please call or email us to let us know that you have joined/renewed online so we will know to look for receipt of your membership from the NAACP National Office.

You can also mail in your membership form, which is located

on the back of this newsletter. We thank you for your support of the NAACP.

If you have any questions about your membership status, send an email to naacpmembers@aol.com.

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Try it and see how you like it by logging on to www.thecrisismagazine.com. For more information contact twilliams@naacpnet.org or call 410-580-5138.

We Appreciate Your Support!

General Membership Meeting Date

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The meeting begins at 7 pm and is held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22036. All are welcome to attend.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Branch

Do you have to be African-American to join the NAACP?

No. In 1909, the NAACP was formed by a multiracial group of people. We welcome all races, cultures, and ethnicities who share the mission, objectives, and the vision of the NAACP.

Where are you located and when do you meet?

Our address is P.O. Bo 2363, Falls Church, VA. We meet in Alexandria, VA, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Rd., Alexandria, VA. Our general membership meeting is the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

How can I switch my membership to the Fairfax County Branch?

You must write a letter to the National Office asking that they transfer your membership to the Fairfax County Branch, Unit 7066.

Who is the Branch president?

The Fairfax County Branch president is Olivia S. Jones-Smith.

How do I join the Branch?

You can [join the Branch](#) for as low as \$30/yr (adult) and/or for \$10/yr (youth 10-20). You can join online. Or you can mail us your membership form with a check or money order.

Is my membership current?

Your membership expires one year after joining the NAACP. You can find your expiration date on the front of your membership card. For more information, send an email to naacpmembers@aol.com with your name and address and we'll be happy to check your membership status.

How can I join a committee?

You can check our list of committees on the [Programs](#) page of our website. Choose the program that you are interested in and send us an email with your name, phone number/email, and program of interest.

Can the NAACP help with me legal issues?

No, the Branch is not a legal service. However, if you feel that you have been discriminated against please see our [Complaint Form](#) page on our website for information. All complaints must be in writing for our Legal Redress Committee to consider them.

How can I participate in local government so that I can help make a difference in our communities?

Advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. You can find out more about Fairfax County boards, commissions, and authorities by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>.

How do I find out what NAACP Branch events are coming up?

You can look at our Branch Calendar at www.fairfaxnaacp.org for information.

I would like to register to vote. How do I do that?

We encourage you to register to vote. You can get a form at your local [Department of Motor Vehicles](#). You can also get information from the [Virginia State Board of Elections](#).

Does the Branch offer youth activities?

Yes, we have an active Youth Council. Please send an email to Reston Bell at restonbell7@gmail.com for information. You can also see a summary stating the goals of our Youth Council on the [Programs](#) page of our website.

How do I contact the National office of the NAACP?

You may call 866-63-NAACP. The mailing address is 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore MD 21215.

**New Branch Email Address:
fairfaxnaacp@aol.com**

College Tour Information

January 29-30 - Learn the history of some of our first Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
Reston Community Center is hosting a tour of Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Union University. The tour includes charter bus transportation, hotel (4 per room/2 beds), continental breakfast, and one dinner. *Reston residents \$85.00/ Nonresidents: \$110.00.* You are considered a resident if you live or work in Reston. Contact the Reston Community Center at 703-476-8500 for more information.

February 20 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities invite you to attend their 8th annual HBCU College Festival from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information and to register go to www.ASBCHBCU.org.

March 29 - April 2 – College Tour for Young Men Only. Main Event Youth Organization is sponsoring a bus tour for young men only. This bus stops at Florida A&M University, Florida State University, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T University, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Hampton University's High School Day. Students will also visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. The trip cost is \$475 which includes round trip transportation, hotel, breakfast, and lunch. For more information, e-mail John Middlebrooks at maineventhbcutour@verizon.net. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or call 301-706-6819.

March 29 - April 2 – College Tour for Young Ladies Only. The Southern Maryland Chapter of the Spelman College Alumnae Association is sponsoring a bus tour for young ladies only. This trip will include stops at Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Bennett College, North Carolina A & T University, Winston Salem State University, Florida A & M University, Edward Waters College, and Hampton University's High School Day. Students will also visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. The trip costs \$475, which includes transportation, lodging, breakfast and lunch, and will depart from Bowie, MD and Woodbridge, VA. For more information contact Stacey Lucas at 301-352-9713, Jennifer LaPoint at 301-809-1024, or Gwenell Bass at 301-577-3062 or e-mail spelmanalumhbcutours@yahoo.com This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

From the Editor

The NAACP remains the most powerful civil rights organization of all time and the NAACP is stronger than ever.

Yet, there is still much work to be done. Today, as guardians of freedom and equality in an increasingly diverse community, the NAACP's mission is more important than ever.

There are many critical tasks before us on a local, national, and global scale that will determine how prepared we are to take advantage of opportunities.

In Fairfax County, Virginia, we the people of color need equality on various fronts; education, housing, jobs, health care, and our most powerful right "The Right to Vote."

We will continue our fight for equality and fairness.

Together we can make a difference. Your support and contributions are invaluable to the continued existence of the Fairfax County Branch.

Annie S. Whitehead
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Newsletter Editor

Membership Form

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ADULT: Mail your form to: Fairfax Branch, NAACP #7066
P.O. Box 2363, Falls Church, VA 22042
YOUTH (10-20): 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 database and you will receive information on all Branch events.

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.

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Remember, 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.

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