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Message from the President

The mission of the NAACP continues to insure 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 information to us.

We will have our monthly meetings at Bethlehem Baptist Church on the Second Tuesday of each month starting on April 14, 2009. Bethlehem Baptist Church is located at 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306. Please save the following dates and times:

April 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

May 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

June 9, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

July 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

August 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

September 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

October 13, at 7:00 P.M.

November 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

December 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

At our May 12 meeting our Legal Redress Committee will conduct a workshop on "What is Discrimination and How to file a Complaint". We get several complaints each month.

On March 20, 2009, I and two other Officers (Annie Whitehead, Sidney Moss) participated in TV One's Black History Month Contest as judges. This contest was an unique celebration of Black History that pays tribute to milestones from past and present day accomplishments such as the election of President Barack Obama, while exploring how African-Americans can make a different in the future. Our children are our future.

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
President

Women in the NAACP (WIN)

The Women in the NAACP will hold their 24th Annual Black Heritage Music Festival and 7th Annual Gospel Music Program on Saturday April 25, 2009 4-6 PM at First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street NW Vienna, Virginia 22180.

The Fairfax County Branch has sponsored an Annual Black Heritage Music Festival for the past twenty-three years as a financial support system for the Branch.

Women in the NAACP (WIN) took on the additional task to provide financial scholarships to assist deserving students graduating from Fairfax County High Schools. To date over forty-five students have received scholarships to attend Colleges/Universities of their choice. More than forty-eight thousand dollars have been awarded.

Your generous contributions of support are needed and greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Black Heritage Music Festival and mail to: Mrs. Lillie Morarity P.O. Box 854 Merrifield, VA 22116-0831. For more information call Mrs. Morarity at 703-237-1824.

Mrs. Lillie G. Morarity President
Women in the NAACP (WIN)

Youth Council News

New Advisors:

The Council welcomes Mr. Chris Perkins and Miss Reston Bell as Co-Advisors effective April 2009. Mr. Perkins is a graduate of South Lakes High School. He received a B.S degree in Sports Management and Marketing from Old Dominion University. He is a Contract Administrator with J.M. Waller Associates, an Engineering Consulting Firm With the Federal Government.

State Meeting Host:

The Youth Council will host the Virginia State Youth and College Quarterly meeting on April 18, 10AM-1PM at the George Mason Regional Library in Annandale, VA.

Council Election 2009-2010:

Election of new officers will take place at the April meeting.

Installation will be in May.

Membership Drive:

The Council continues to seek new members in order to maintain its Charter of 25 members. See the application on back page of this newsletter.

The Youth Council would like to thank Mrs. Deloris Evans our outgoing Advisor and Charter organizer for her many years of dedicated service.

NAACP Branch Officers

President:	Olivia Jones-Smith
1st Vice President:	Noel J. Albert
2nd Vice President:	John K. Johnson
3rd Vice President:	Annie S. Whitehead
Secretary:	Vacant
Asst. Secretary:	Vacant
Acting Secretary:	Linda Martin
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Asst. Treasurer:	Shirley Steele

Executive Committee:

Paul Bellamy	Ralph Cooper
Dr. Victor Dunbar	Lillie Morarity
Frederick Price	Charles Summers
Dr. Thomas Wilkins	

Appointed Committees Chairpersons:

Community Coordination:	Vacant
Education:	John K. Johnson
Health	Vacant
Housing	Vacant
Labor/Industry:	Noel J. Albert
Political Action:	Vacant
Legal Redress:	Ralph Cooper
Membership:	Vacant
Newsletter:	Annie S. Whitehead
Religious Affairs:	Sidney Moss
Veteran Affairs:	Vacant
Women in the NAACP:	Lillie Morarity
(WIN)	
Youth Council:	Reston Bell
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General Meeting New Location:

**Bethlehem Baptist Church
7836 Fordson Road
Alexandria, VA 22306**

Our General Meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to have a copy of the newsletter emailed to you, email your request to

naacpfairfaxcounty@yahoo.com or email the Editor

Annie S. Whitehead at
answh100@cox.net.

Send all donations to the NAACP mailing address above.

At our May General Meeting our Legal Redress Committee will present two workshops:

- 1. Mr. Ralph Cooper will do a lecture on “What is Discrimination and How to File a Complaint”**
- 2. Mr. O’Kelly McWilliams Esq. Will do a lecture on “Detecting Unlawful Discrimination and Retaliation in the Workplace”**

The Fairfax County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has reviewed the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and has identified at a minimum 14 areas that has a negative impact on the minority community. The proposed reductions identified either reverse the progress made by minorities or increase the existing road- block to diversity.

In preparing for the projected shortfalls, the County Executive established a guideline of 15% cut across all County Agencies. The lack of diversity in the County's upper management resulted in minority employees and programs being identified for elimination.

The NAACP calls on the Board of Supervisors to do the following:

1. Remove from Budget reduction all areas that we will identify at our Press Conference.
2. We request that the Board take a different approach from the County Executive and eliminate some Top Managers. We do not agree with the County Executive statement that imply "Managers will be doing more field work." The NAACP does not believe a Manager making \$100,000 annually will be doing intake at the South County Center.

3. Increase the span of control for remaining Managers and Supervisors. Review the organization chart at the Department of Housing.

In addition to the areas that the NAACP will identify, the Board needs to establish a community base strategy and place a higher priority on Social Services. The closing of Mental Health Facilities, Homeless Centers and Adult Day Care Centers are troubling. The NAACP would like to caution the Board of Supervisors concerning the closing of Mental Health Facilities. Recent events dictate that citizens from Western Fairfax were involved in the killings at Sully District Police Station and Virginia Tech. Therefore, the Mental Health facility in Chantilly should not be on the list to be close. Why?

The NAACP see the future problems facing the County is not from the Homeland Security build up of the past 8 years, but the need of our citizens to cope with the routines of daily living.

Noel J. Albert
1st Vice President

The Fairfax County Branch NAACP started the year 2009 under new leadership. With new leadership come new ideas as to how we can accomplish the mission of the NAACP in more efficient and effective ways. Today many ask the question “What does the NAACP do?”

First I would like to say that members on a volunteer basis do all of the work of the Fairfax County NAACP. Every person who represents this Branch is a volunteer, his or her time and talent is what make us strong.

Our goals are to make positive differences that strength our community. We believe that every person should be treated with respect regardless of social economic status, cultural background, political preference, educational status or religious choice.

What we do:

We continue to fight racial discrimination in Housing, employment, education programs, and health care. We will make voter registration an on-going project to insure that every minority in Fairfax County who wants to vote is registered. We will strive to increase our membership by at least thirty-five percent this year. We are only as strong as our numbers.

In order to obtain these goals we encourage complete involvement from the Branch Officers, The Executive Committee, Committee Chairpersons, Members, and the Community. We will solicit support from Churches, Businesses, and other dedicated individuals who wants to support our goals. We will keep our community and membership informed by publishing a quarterly newsletter, personal phone calls, monthly general meetings, emails, educational conferences, and workshops.

Another question that is often asked: will the NAACP remain relevant after the election of America’s first African American President? Reality is, one historical event is not going to magically erase discrimination. Yes, African Americans have made great progress over the pass 100 years but we cannot assume the election of President Obama has brought us to the promise land.

Join us in our continue fight for justice. Join the NAACP Fairfax County Branch.

Annie S. Whitehead

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		Diamond Life.....2,500.00

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