

40th Annual Life Membership Banquet

40th Annual Life Membership Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held on February 4, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency. The theme was "80 Years of Civil Rights Leadership: Looking Back, Moving Forward, Generations and Cultures Together." National President/CEO Benjamin T. Jealous was the keynote speaker. Over 400 guests attended. Co-sponsors were Rabobank and Wells Fargo Bank. President's Award was given to Deloris Scaife-Higgins, for her long time activism in the city of Salinas and service on many boards. Cleo and Tolly Martin Spirit of Partnership award was presented to Dorene Mathews of the Mediation Center of Monterey County for the ongoing work and support that the center provides to the constituency of the NAACP and community. A significant highlight was having Cecil Bendel in attendance, a former Branch president that served many terms and happens to be Caucasian. Another significant moment was when Mayor Carmelita Garcia of Pacific Grove, Ca read a letter of apology for the City's past discriminatory practices.

2012 Black History Program

Held on February 19, 2012 at Seaside City Hall. The theme was "Remembering those Who Fought for Equal Rights". A full house enjoyed presentations by local high school students and awards were presented to Dr. Marie Sweet, Dr. Dorothy Lloyd, Debbie Anthony, Victor Noble, Councilman Ian Oglesby and James Golden.

Regular May Monthly Meeting

May 24, 2012. Speaker is Dr. Zettie Page, first African American CEO of Salud Para La Gente Clinics at Hays CME Church, 625 Elm Avenue, Seaside.

Become a Member

Your membership is more than a contribution. You are joining a team of people that believe in equality and support for the elimination of discrimination.

Annual Adult Membership—\$30

Lifetime Adult Membership—\$750

Annual Youth Membership—\$15

Lifetime Youth Membership—\$400

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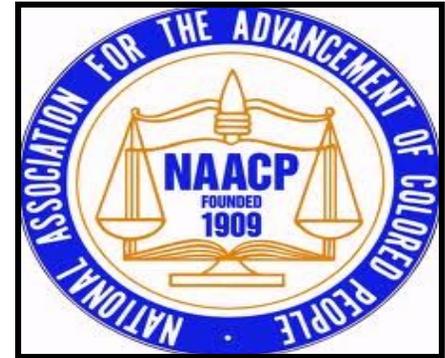
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Monterey County Branch

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(Fighting Injustices & Promoting Equality)



Mission

To ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination

Vision

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Objectives

- ❖ To achieve equality
- ❖ To eliminate discrimination
- ❖ To remove barriers of racial discrimination
- ❖ To seek enactment of civil rights laws

NAACP Meetings

Executive Committee

2nd Tuesday 7 PM

General Membership: 4th Thursday 7 P.M.

Check website for meeting locations.

President's Report

President Mel Mason has dedicated his space to the following statement made by National NAACP President / CEO..

Benjamin Jealous, President & CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued the following statement on the charges filed against George Zimmerman in the killing of Trayvon Martin:



Zimmerman in the killing of Trayvon Martin:

“Forty five days after Trayvon Martin’s life came to a violent end, the wheels of justice have finally begun to turn. This is an important first step toward bringing justice for Trayvon and his family.

As we have seen, the system does not always work perfectly. But we have shown that when we stand together as a nation we can compel it to work. For the NAACP, this case has always been about the rule of law. We are encouraged by today’s charges, but we know that this is just the beginning. We anticipate and expect a thorough federal investigation of the Sanford Police Department and their role in exacerbating this tragedy. Trayvon’s case moved the nation because it underscored the twin tragedies that affect so many of our young people: Trayvon was profiled because of his race—looked upon as a threat rather than the loving son he was.

And then, once he became a victim, he was neglected by the very police department tasked with protecting our communities and families. As a nation, we’ve got to address the issues of racial profiling and the valuation of black men’s lives by law enforcement. In the months ahead the NAACP and our allies in the civil rights community will continue to take these issues on as well as the urgent need to repeal stand your ground laws

Tonight our thoughts and prayers are with Trayvon’s family. We are grateful for the courage and tenacity of Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin that continue to help shape a national movement for justice for their son and for all of America’s children.”

Education Committee

The Education Committee received 15 scholarship applications submitted by Monterey County students for the fall of 2012. Mandatory interviews with the applicants will take place during the last week of April. The selection of scholarship awardees will be finalized by April 30, 2012. Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Coalition of Scholarship Organizations at the June 2, 2012 COSO breakfast at Embassy Suites.

Alana Myles, a member of the MPUSD Oversight Bond Committee, attended a tour of Monterey High School and Colton Middle to view completed projects and construction made possible with funding through the bond measure. The group saw updated electrical, heating and fiber-optic systems, and freshly painted classrooms. Colton Middle has new furniture, clocks, and a new AP system.

At Monterey High Alana saw the newly resurfaced pool decking and a state-of-the-art pool mechanical system. Alana also received a personal tour at Del Rey Woods Elementary where she saw the new HAV system, the newly painted school cafeteria sporting a new floor, while classrooms have been fitted with new fiberglass doors and the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes received new furniture.

Look out for the up and coming NAACP Silent Tea Scholarship Fundraiser.

Seaside High School students were excited to hear from President Mel Mason at their assembly in March. He talked about his challenges, accomplishments and civil rights issues. Ali Briscoe said” it was very educational and informative to hear about his problem with his scholarship in college and his activities in civil rights”. As usual Mel made an impression and peaked their interest in what is happening in our society.

Community Forum

Forum on Monterey County’s Monterey Plan for Access to Employment & Contracting Opportunities was held on April 26 at Seaside Oldemeyer Center. The purpose of the Monterey Plan is to provide equal employment and promotional opportunities to all County employees and applicants for employment and contracting opportunities to individuals and businesses.

The Forum highlighted the changes proposed to the current Plan and gave attendees an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback that will help to ensure the Plan meets the needs of our community and workforce.