

Ministers/Stephen E. Ross Breakfast

The 25th Annual Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside. Each year the Branch selects an individual that we feel has contributed significantly to their community and to the mission of the NAACP. This year's recipient is the Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senator, 17th District. The cost is \$50.00 per person. For information or to RSVP, contact Mrs. Ruthie Watts, 394-3547 or the NAACP office at 394-3727.

Trayvon Martin Vigil

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, the NAACP joined Rev. Ray Montgomery of First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove to hold a vigil in the honor of Justice for Trayvon Martin. Many thanks to the community for their support as we were joined by several hundred residents. Many speakers gave tribute to Trayvon and expressed their concern for the "Stand Your Ground Law" and the violence against our youth.

Voting Rights Act March

The NAACP, in conjunction with other organizations, will hold a Voter Rights Act March on Saturday, September 28, 2013. The March will start at 1:00 P.M. at Seaside City Hall and end at the Oldemeyer Center, with voter registration and program events to follow.

If you are not a member, consider joining today by going to our website at naacpmonterey.org or call the office at 394-3727

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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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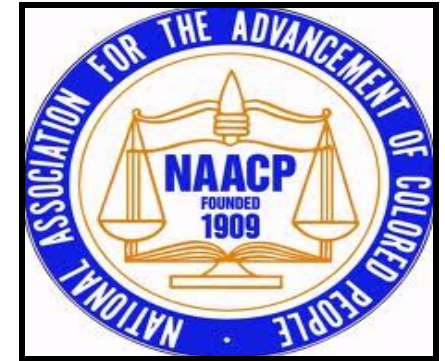
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(Fighting Injustices & Promoting Equality)



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 Message

It has been a frustrating few months for those that have fought so hard for civil rights over the years. First we were hit with the tragic death of Trayvon Martin and the unbelievable "Not Guilty" verdict of his killer, George Zimmerman. Then the Supreme Court hit us with their decision to invalidate Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, which establishes a "coverage formula" to determine which states and local governments fall under Section 5, and need to get approval before changing their voting laws. The justices ruled that Section 4 is unconstitutional, and that the formula used for decades — revised and extended several times by Congress — can no longer be used to establish those "preclearance" requirements. The NAACP will continue to lobby Congressmen to ensure that a strong new Section 4 provision is included in the Voting Rights Act.

In response to the Trayvon Martin tragedy, the NAACP has developed a set of policy principles called "Trayvon's Law" which embody legislative responses that will greatly reduce the likelihood of another tragedy like the killing of Trayvon Martin. The principles of Trayvon's Law are:

- Ending racial profiling;
- Repealing stand your ground type laws;
- Creating law enforcement accountability through effective police oversight;



Improving training and best practices for community watch groups; and Mandating law enforcement data collection on homicide cases involving people of color. In addition, state advocates can include policies that aim to dismantle the school to prison pipeline — which are critical to keeping youth safe and in schools

Scholarship Committee

We are elated to acknowledge the following 11 NAACP college scholarship awardees for 2013.

Seaside High School graduates - Jonquis Bouyea, Sabrina Neal ; Maria Sanchez, Janettia Williams

Monterey High School graduates -Jessica Diaz, James Hill, Kyle Neeley

North Salinas High — Nala Alleyne Johnson;

Salinas High School — Kala Robinson

Everett Alvarez High School — Tevin Edward; **CSUMB** — Yesnia Lucas

Education Committee

The new common core state standards (CCSS) will be enforced to assess and determine the comprehension level of students in each grade. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/tl/whatareccss.asp>

Most of the true and false tests will be eliminated. Students will be asked to demonstrate mastery in a subject area by exams with multiple essay/thought their implementations in the classroom. provoking questions. President Mary Claypool spearheaded an Alliance on Academic Achievement (AAA) Taskforce with the Monterey County Office of Education and the Branch to keep our organization and the community involved and informed of the changes and their implementations in the

classroom. Parents/guardians/concerned community members are urged to become more active and involved this school year. Pay close attention to information being sent home. Ask questions. Participate in school events. Attend school board meetings. Introduce yourself to your child's teachers early in the academic year. Develop open lines of communication with the teachers and administrators. Request a progress report, even if you believe your child is doing well. Provide a quiet place for homework and require consistent study hours at home. If your child is in middle school, now is the time to start to prepare for college. Research college requirements. Begin to study for the vocabulary and math sections of the required college entrance exams. These are just a few suggestions to increase academic achievement, college acceptance and scholarships. The Education Committee generally meets on the 3rd **Thursday of each month. Please confirm attendance @ (princesspope@ymail.com). You are welcome and encouraged to bring your ideas or concerns to the meetings. Help to keep us abreast of current issues in** your child's school and how the common core state standards are being put into place.

Labor/Legal Redress

Legal Redress/Labor and industry Committee: During the calendar year beginning Jan 2013 the committee has reviewed and/or investigated the following types of complaints: Housing: 5; Employment: 15; General 2; Civil Rights Violations:3 - Grand Total: 25 Cases.

All cases resolved/closed. One (1) employment case pending.