

NAACP

San Luis Obispo County Branch

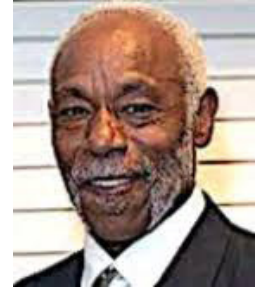
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President's Message

The Time Has Come...

As a retired Total Quality Behavior Management Consultant, I would inform all of my clients that our team does not deal with problems, we only deal with solutions. Because problems are the problem and the solutions is usually 360 degrees in the other direction. To focus on the problem is to create and maintain it; the solutions are never found in the problems. We have been conditioned as Americans to focus on what is wrong (vs) what is the possible solution. I'd inform them that change creates stress and things will get weirder before they get better; but better is coming sooner than later, if you can focus on what you want and the plan that will get you there. My training in military science teaches that to fail to plan is to plan to fail and the mission should be your main focus and the goals that will assure your success. It's not about an individual; it's about the mission and team work. Where the individual comes in is to play, his/her part on the team, is to implement their part in executing the goals and objectives. All organizations have a chain of command, processes, procedures, policies, and programs to adhere to. We are in the process of rebuilding our leadership team to execute our Mission and to put together a training program on governance, processes, procedures, policies and programs. In order to heal we need to focus on the solution not the problem.



The NAACP SLO Branch Build Back Better PLAN

1. Rebuild our Leadership Team with committed members who are willing to work within the structure and learn about NAACP's governance, processes, procedures, policies and programs. Then work as a team with checks and balances, so that we can change the world by changing ourselves.
2. Create an environment within our membership of love and peace and joy as we get to know each other as human beings (not as a color or race) which is the goal of HEALING MONDAYS .
3. Bi-monthly Membership Training Program on membership about NAACP governance, processes, procedures, policies and programs
4. Implementation of Total Quality Management System and yearly training program
5. Hire an administrative assistant to manage projects (part time staff and three interns)
6. Networking with the faith based community
7. Implement a county wide social justice coordinating council

We have a great opportunity before us. It is time to heal; to love, see peace; bring joy into our lives and into the lives of all mankind. It is bigger than US! Join us for Healing Mondays.

And so it is...Rev. Stephen Vines President

Healing Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom starting Feb. 7th. [Click Here for Link](#)

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

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Get The Facts About COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

Spanish interpretation available

Tuesday, February 1st
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Register Here:
bit.ly/feb1townhall

The pandemic continues to take its toll in SLO County, a new variant (Omicron) has taken hold, and news about boosters and vaccinating children is here.

Please join our interactive virtual Town Hall meeting. Get your questions answered by local, trusted medical professionals. Learn how to protect yourself and your family during this stage of the COVID-19 pandemic.



René Bravo, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician



Miriam Lomelino, MD
Family Medicine Specialist



Kevin Ferguson, MD
Pathologist

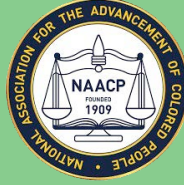
P A N E L I S T S

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE TOWN HALL!

Submit Your Questions on the Registration Form!

Link to Register: bit.ly/feb1townhall

*You are
invited to:*



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Founders' Day CELEBRATION

113 Year Anniversary Celebration
General Membership Meeting and
kick-off for our membership campaign
Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 pm

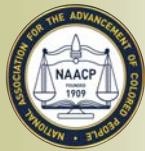
Our guest speaker is The Honorable Erica A. Stewart,
Mayor of San Luis Obispo.

The social hour will include trivia questions, prizes & drawings



Here is the link for the meeting and celebration
<https://bit.ly/3rJfhrR> (Case Sensitive)

Review of January Events



NAACP SLO COUNTY MLK Rally

IS BIGOTRY A MENTAL ILLNESS?
LET'S END BIGOTRY, HATE AND VIOLENCE!



WE NEED ALL OF US TO TAKE ACTION!!

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

11AM TO 12PM

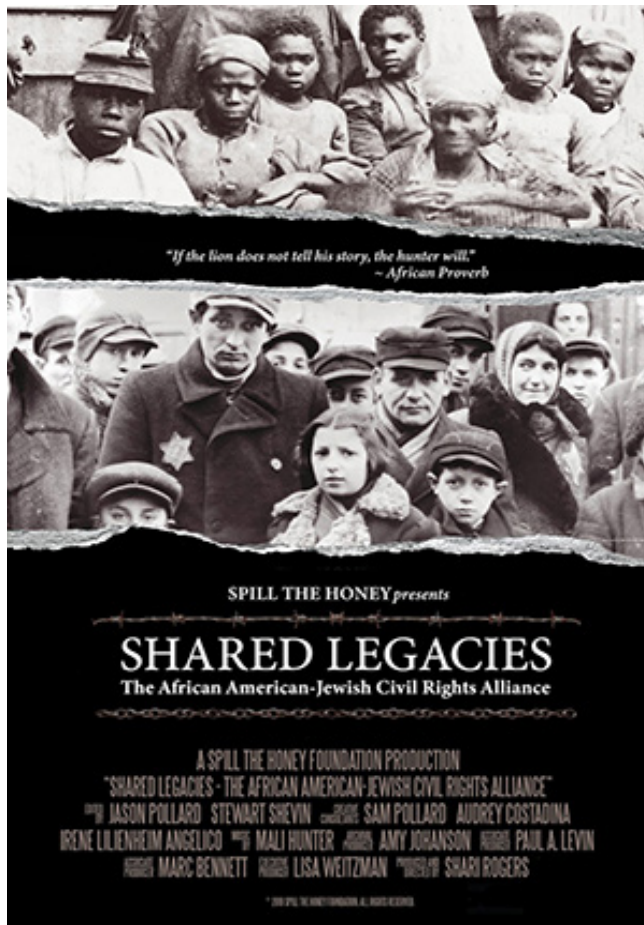
SLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1050 MONTEREY ST, SLO

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 805-619-5354

OR GO TO NAACPSLOCTY.ORG

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day MOVIE DISCUSSION



Ongoing COVID Information Program

PROTECT YOURSELF
#STOPCOVID19

African Americans have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Federal data shows that African Americans have been three times more likely to contract COVID-19 than white residents, and nearly twice as likely to die from it as the Country reopens vulnerable communities continue to battle not only the long-term health implications, but the economic and social implications of the pandemic.

TIME TO
VACCINATE

CLICK HERE TO FIND A
VACCINE LOCATION NEAR YOU



Upcoming Branch Activities

General Membership Meeting, this month, combined with our Founders' Day Celebration

Second Tuesday of Every Month via ZOOM Time: 6:30PM-8:15PM

For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com



Executive Team Meetings:

Third Thursday of Every Month via ZOOM

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:45

For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Peoples Team: Activities, Communications/Press and Publicity, Community Coordinator, Freedom Fund and Membership Committees meet on the Second Thursday of Every Month at 6:00pm via ZOOM.

Activism Team: Criminal Justice, Community Coordinator, Environmental Justice, Political Action, Legal Redress and Prison Branch Committees meet on the Fourth Wednesday of Every Month at 6:00pm via ZOOM. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Outreach Team: Armed Services/Veterans Affairs, Economic Development, Housing, Labor/Industry Committees; meeting date and time TBD. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Humanities Team: Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technology And Scientific Olympic (ACT-SO) Academic, College/Youth Works, Education and Health meet on the First Wednesday of Every Month 7:00pm via ZOOM. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Community Outreach Team: If you are interested in getting involved in your community, become a part of our outreach team. Email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

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Get The Facts About COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, February 1st, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

See Flyer and info on separate pages

113 Year Founders' Day Anniversary Celebration, General Membership Meeting, and kick-off for our membership campaign

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See separate Flyer

"Advocate Equity" Membership Drive

See Flyer on Following page

Founders'
Day CELEBRATION

Details on the February 1st Virtual Town Hall “Get The Facts About COVID-19”



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San Luis Obispo County Health Agency
San Luis Obispo County Education.

Answering Your COVID-19 Questions: COVID TOWN HALL sponsored by San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department and NAACP San Luis Obispo County Branch.

Overwhelmed by the amount of COVID-19 information and misinformation and constantly changing recommendations about how to stay safe? The SLO County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) wants to help. It is offering an online COVID-19 Town Hall (<https://bit.ly/feb1townhall>) on February 1, 2022, 7 – 8 p.m. to provide the latest medical answers to critical COVID-19 questions. You can submit written questions when you sign up and during the town hall. Simultaneous interpretation for Spanish speakers will be available.

Hear from trusted local medical professionals on variants, boosters, vaccines and how to protect yourself and your family. Panelists include Dr. Kevin Ferguson, Dr. Miriam Lomelino, and Dr. Renee Bravo. Dr. Ferguson said “The New Year has brought new challenges. This town hall will offer the opportunity to talk about changes in current testing and treatment strategies”.

Potential COVID Town Hall topics include pediatric vaccine issues, reducing Omicron spread, vaccination effectiveness at preventing serious COVID-19, and the safety of vaccines.

This town hall is one of the outreach activities being offered by the NAACP SLO County Branch as part of their effort to educate and bring awareness to the community. This event is partially funded by a grant from California Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP. The grant’s goal is to increase vaccination uptake, particularly for our communities hardest hit by COVID-19. The focus is on reaching people who are the least likely to have access to vaccines services, health care, or who have high rates of vaccine hesitancy.

“The grant is timely because nationwide, there have been lower vaccination rates but higher hospitalization and death rates for Black and Latino compared to white and Asian-American communities”, said NAACP SLO County President Stephen Vines. “We are trying to change that.”

For more information from NAACP SLO County Branch, see <https://naacpslocty.org>; Facebook: NAACPSLO or contact San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department at SLOPublicHealth.org/Covid19.

Free COVID-19 in-home test kits

This week, the Biden Administration launched a site offering free COVID-19 test kits. A total of four (4) tests will be shipped to eligible US addresses.

Given Omicron’s impact on the country and rising hospitalizations, it is critically important that individuals increase their capacity to test and know their status. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these kits and continue to engage in safe and hygienic practices.

[Click Here for Free Test Kits](#)

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The Man Behind Black History Month

Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950) dedicated his life to educating African Americans about the achievements and contributions of their ancestors.

In 1915, Carter G. Woodson traveled to Chicago from his home in Washington, D.C. to take part in a national celebration of the 50th anniversary of emancipation. He had earned his bachelor's and master's degree at the University of Chicago, and still had many friends there. As he joined the thousands of Black Americans overflowing from the Coliseum, which housed exhibits highlighting African American achievements since the abolition of slavery, Woodson was inspired to do more in the spirit of celebrating Black history and heritage. Before he left Chicago, he helped found the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). A year later, Woodson singlehandedly launched the Journal of Negro History, in which he and other researchers brought attention to the achievements of Black Americans.

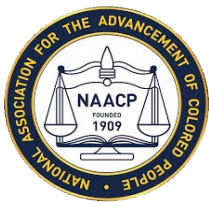


Born in 1875 in New Canton, Virginia, Woodson had worked as a sharecropper, miner and various other jobs during his childhood to help support his large family. Though he entered high school late, he made up for lost time, graduating in less than two years. After attending Berea College in Kentucky, Woodson worked in the Philippines as an education superintendent for the U.S. government. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Chicago before entering Harvard. In 1912, three years before founding the ASNLH, he became only the second African American (after W.E.B. DuBois) to earn a doctorate from that institution.

Like DuBois, Woodson believed that young African Americans in the early 20th century were not being taught enough of their own heritage, and the achievements of their ancestors. To get his message out, Woodson first turned to his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, which created Negro History and Literature Week in 1924. But Woodson wanted a wider celebration, and he decided the ASNLH should take on the task itself.

In February 1926, Woodson sent out a press release announcing the first Negro History Week. He chose February because the month contained the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two prominent men whose historic achievements African Americans already celebrated. (Lincoln's birthday was February 12; Douglass, who was formerly enslaved, hadn't known his actual birthday, but had marked the occasion on February 14.)

As schools and other organizations across the country quickly embraced Woodson's initiative, he and his colleagues struggled to meet the demand for course materials and other resources. The ASNLH formed branches all over the country, though its national headquarters remained centered in Woodson's row house on Ninth Street in Washington D.C. The house was also home base for the Associated Publishers Press, which Woodson had founded in 1921.



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"Advocate Equity" Membership Drive

Who We Are

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

The San Luis Obispo County Branch is 400 members strong!

What We Do

We advocate and engage on local, State and Federal levels for social equity in these areas:

Criminal Justice
Economic Opportunity
Education
Environmental and Climate Justice
Health
Media Diversity

REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Regular Adult – \$30*
(Ages 21 & Older)

Youth with Crisis Magazine – \$15*
(Ages 20 & Under)

Youth without Crisis Magazine – \$10
(Ages 17 & Under)

WIN (Women In The NAACP) Membership – \$10
Only available to active members

Benefits of Membership

- Receiving the newsletter and weekly emails with news, inspiration, information and resources about social equity issues on a local, regional and national level.
- Networking with a community of like minded people.
- Sense of empowerment by making a difference in our community through direct engagement, volunteer opportunities and donations.
- Education about social issues which raises awareness and helps with individual and community healing.
- Help determine the focus and efforts of the organization.
- Membership is confidential.



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Junior Life – \$100** (Ages 13 & under)

Bronze Life – \$400** (Ages 14-20)

Silver Life – \$750**

Gold Life – \$1,500**

Only available to Silver or Regular Life Members

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Annual Corporate – \$5,000*

*Includes a 1-year subscription to The CRISIS Magazine

**Fully-paid Life Memberships include a 10-year subscription to The CRISIS Magazine

Take a stand. Answer the call for equality. Answer the call for civil rights. Join the oldest and boldest civil rights organization in the nation. Join the NAACP or renew your membership. <https://naacpslocty.org>

[Link to Become a member](https://bit.ly/3nVHKcR) <https://bit.ly/3nVHKcR> [Link to Renew membership](https://bit.ly/3FYfQDt) <https://bit.ly/3FYfQDt>



Defend Democracy

NAACP National

On January 19, 2022, the Senate blocked a pivotal piece of legislation that would safeguard voting rights for generations to come – The Freedom to Vote: John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

The fundamental right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot and every resident to have their voice heard as a member of society has been neglected. The same senators that highlighted Dr. King's pursuit of voting rights for Black people are the same people who blocked voting rights for all.

We the people must now prioritize how we deploy resources, make real the social norms and standards across every community, shape our daily lives through policy, and move forward the shared values of this country are all based on these foundational principles.

Derrick Johnson
@DerrickNAACP

There is no way a single senate vote marks the end of the fight for the right to vote. We will continue to meet with senators, we will continue to mobilize, we will continue to apply pressure where necessary. Until democracy is secured for all Americans, the fight will continue.

WE NEED YOU IN THE FIGHT

Each and every NAACP member makes a difference to the complex, ongoing work of advancing racial equity. We have driven the hardest-fought wins for civil rights and social justice — with you by our side, we can accelerate the next milestones for Black Americans.

Join this multigenerational network of activists dismantling structural racism by using your power to take action on the most pressing issues of our time.

DONATE TO SUPPORT FAIR ELECTIONS AND VOTING POLICIES

Your generosity supports the NAACP's fight for political, educational, social, and economic equality for communities of color in the electoral and legislative process.

For More Information Go To The National Website [NAACP.org](https://www.naacp.org)