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San Luis Obispo County Branch

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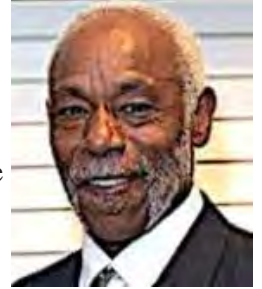
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President's Message

BACK ON TRACK

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We made it through 2021! I hope all of you are well and ready to continue the mission of the NAACP to fight segregation and discrimination. We had a successful year in spite of the pandemic and all the challenges and differences that happens in a young organization. It is time to heal and rebuild in 2022. Together we can end this pandemic, by encouraging everyone to get vaccinated and to stand up for Justice and Equality. We have an opportunity to change the world by changing ourselves; to end racial hatred and racial discrimination and build a more diverse community and strengthen the African American community in San Luis Obispo County. I'm excited about our healing Mondays, which will be designed to have a conversation and address our individual cultural distresses which are caused by White Privilege and Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome. We will also be working on eliminating Negative Stress in our lives and our organizational environment. We will be launching our listening partnership program to build positive relationships. This is a new beginning and a new year to learn to love unconditionally. What the world needs now is love sweet love, not for some, but for everyone!



As the co-founder and president of the San Luis Obispo County branch of the NAACP it is my goal to get us back on track. I will do that by implementing a Total Quality Management System, our Five Year Strategic Plan and its three major projects; Youth Empowerment Program, Technology and Diversity Think Tank and working on the disparities in our public and higher-educational programs.

What I bring to our SLO NAACP Branch: Opportunity to work as Consultant for Powerful People and to receive advance educational experiences in the areas of (Behavior Management, Organizational Management, and Community Organizing) • International Development Fund (Tanzania) Team member Consultant IDS America Express (Minority Engagement & Services) • Human Relation Commissioner City SLO (Banned Smoking in Public Building; 1st City in the Nation) • ATA National Tennis Champion • 40 years marriage • 25 years in Ministry • Author and Co-originator (Interactive Discipline management Platform) Technology IDmP © Consultant • Working with HUD to implement Community Benefit Projects • CEO two Community Development Corp • 40 years of educational Change Activism Work. • ACORN manager • SLO EOC Commissioner • I worked 25 year committed to implement The Faith Base Initiative: To move the idea forward in concept, Legislation, implementation. • Consultant/ Staff Congressman Denise Kucinich (Chairman Congressional Oversight Committee) and Presidential Candidate

These are just some of my accomplishments, and I find it hurtful to have my character and leadership attacked. As we move into the New Year, there is still a lot of work to be done to heal our unit and our community. It is our destiny to change the world by changing ourselves.

Peace, Love and Joy,

Rev. Stephen Vines, President

2021 in Review - Many Accomplishments

NAACP SLO County Annual BBQ
Join us for a day of fun, music, food and great conversations!
Saturday, September 4, 2021
11:00 am-3:00 pm
Santa Rosa Park (1050 Oak Street, SLO)



\$15.00 per person
BBQ includes your choice of a beef hamburger or veggie burger with condiments, beans, chips, dessert and water. Please specify your choice of beef or veggie.

Purchase Tickets Online
[Click Here](https://bit.ly/3jZvHsl). Link: <https://bit.ly/3jZvHsl> (case sensitive)




Contact:
Email: naacpslocty@gmail.com
Website: <https://naacpslocty.org>

You are invited to:  **NAACP**
San Luis Obispo County Branch

Founders' Day CELEBRATION

112 Year Anniversary Celebration
And kick-off for our membership campaign
Sunday, February 28th, 6:30-7:30 pm



Virtual Casual Mixer to enjoy the company of our NAACP family
Register to be eligible for drawing prizes!
Must be present to win!



Here is the link for registration
<http://bit.ly/3aF5ziQ>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email

Keep Our Democracy by Removing Voter Restrictions

Sponsored by






August 11, 2021, 6:30 pm
[Zoom Link](https://bit.ly/3ycKZQ9) bit.ly/3ycKZQ9 (case sensitive)

PROTECTING OUR VOTING RIGHTS
More than a century after the right to vote was declared fundamental, that right is under attack. Efforts to make it harder for racial minorities to participate in the political process are proliferating across the country

Julie Rodewald with the League of Women Voters, Rita Casaverde, District Representative for Congressman Salud Carbajal, CA-24 and other presenters will discuss:

- What is redistricting?
- What are the voting restrictions just put in place?
- Mobilizing the Vote for the upcoming Recall Election Sept. 14, 2021

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FACTS OVER FEAR.

COVID KNOW MORE
FIGHT WITH FACTS

We all have questions and concerns as we navigate this pandemic. To help ease the uncertainties, the NAACP is committed to safeguarding our communities with an online go-to resource specifically directed to our needs with up-to-date research, data, and stories to help us make the best decisions for ourselves and our families.

Learn the important facts you need to know to stay informed with [Covid Know More](https://naacp.org/covidknowmore). Let's all fight with the facts.

naacp.org/covidknowmore
[#covidknowmore](https://twitter.com/covidknowmore)




Assembling Help Box items for the homeless.

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DESIGN CONTEST



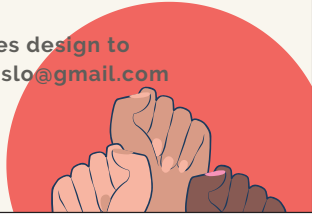
Design a protest/liberation logo for SLO County residents to be featured on merchandise sold on the NAACP SLO website and at events to fundraise for our community coordination.

THEME: Committed to Social Justice

PRIZE: \$200 Gift Certificate to Art Central

Due May 31, 2021

Email your high-res design to community.naacpslo@gmail.com



**ANOTHER
BLACK LIFE
THAT DID
NOT
MATTER**

HEALING THE RAGE WITHIN RALLY

Thursday, April 22, 2021 (6pm to 7:15)
SLO County Court House 1050 Monterey St.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK REQUIRED



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Join the NAACP SLO County Education Committee for a virtual discussion

What is Ethnic Studies and why is it critical for all students?

What is Ethnic Studies?
Why is there a push for an Ethnic Studies graduation requirement?
What are the benefits of an Ethnic Studies curriculum?



Guest Speaker
Dr. José Navarro
Cal Poly Ethnic Studies
Associate Professor

March 11th or March 13th
7:00-8:15pm

Join us on either night!
Zoom link:
<http://bit.ly/naacpethnicsudies>
Meeting ID: 810 9027 7725
Passcode: 120616



Partnered with Women's March SLO



Mobile COVID immunization session in Paso Robles. Vaccinations given 70 (includes first time, second shots and boosters). There were also 30 flu shots given.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The Color of Health • June 18-19




JuneteenthSLO.com




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 **COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**


Freedom Fund



Keynote Speaker Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Introduced by Congressman Salud Carbajal

Program
Freedom Fund Gala
Saturday, October 16, 2021
5:00-7:00 pm

"Social Change in an International World"





HONDURAS
NICARAGUA PERU
MEXICO CUATEMALA
HAITIEL SALVADOR
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BOLIVIA

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, 6:30pm

ZOOM LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85804967120?pwd=ZXBrYkpkL1VaTlNvdWZmVXh2WDZLZz09>

The San Luis Obispo County Branch of NAACP
Welcomes
Guest Speaker Xavier Walker
Southwest Regional Director of NPH USA
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos

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Sponsored Event

 **Fair Housing**

"Know Your Rights" Series

SLO Branch NAACP will be kicking off this informative and timely monthly series of events with:

Know Your Rights--All Things Housing
Thursday, May 6, 2021
7:00 pm via Zoom

Featured panelists with experience in the legal areas of landlord/tenant, eviction and foreclosure will discuss changes in the law and answer your questions.

The Zoom link will be posted on the NAACP website before the meeting: <https://naacpslocty.org>

NAACP SLO PRESIDENT'S DAY
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL



TRUTH
CIVILITY
RECONCILIATION
IN CIVIC AND PUBLIC LIFE

SAVE THE DATE!
Monday February 15, 2021
6:30PM TO 8:00PM

Panelists

Judge Matthew Guerrero
City Council Woman Erica Stewart
President NAACP SLO, Rev. Stephen Vines
Moderated by
Professor Zachery McKiernan
Defense Attorney Madeleine Nantz

New Branch Website is Online

Upcoming Branch Activities

General Membership Meeting.

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

MLK Rally and March. Is Bigotry a Mental Illness? Why Hate and Violence KILLS!

Monday January 17, 2022, 11am to 1 pm

SLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1050 MONTEREY ST, SLO

See Flyer on Following page

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day MLK DAY MOVIE DISCUSSION

Monday, January 17, 2022, 2-3 p.m. Featured Movie: SHARED LEGACIES: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN JEWISH CIVIL RIGHTS ALLIANCE. See Flyer on Following page

COVID Know More

An informative Zoom forum about COVID, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, January 26, 2022

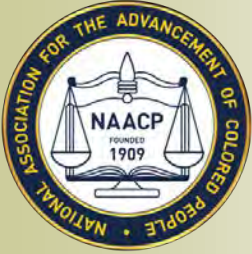
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And Beyond . . .

Founders Day

Membership Drive





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

11 AM To 12 PM

SLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1050 MONTEREY ST, SLO

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 805-619-5354

OR GO TO NAACPSLOCTY.ORG

EVENT UPDATE! RALLY ONLY FROM 11:00am to 12:00pm. Because of the increase in COVID cases we've decided to limit the event to a rally only. This is an outdoor event however; Mask and Social Distancing will be required.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day MLK DAY MOVIE DISCUSSION Monday, January 17, 2–3 p.m.

Co-sponsored by SLO Jewish Film Festival
and NAACP SLO County Branch

Featured Movie: **SHARED LEGACIES: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN JEWISH CIVIL RIGHTS ALLIANCE** Movie is available starting January 9th through the SLO Jewish Film Festival.

<https://slojff.com/films>

A Single Film Pass is \$10.

Join Congregation Beth David's Social Action and Adult Education committees for a lively discussion of the film, *Shared Legacies: The African American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*. Dr. Cornel Morton of the Diversity Coalition and Dr. Sari H. Dworkin from Beth David are facilitating the discussion. The film will NOT be shown at the discussion. Participants are not required to watch the film beforehand but are encouraged to do so prior to the event to enhance the experience of the discussion. The film not only revisits the historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation, but it includes an urgent call to action and how we can move forward together for a better future.

**You are invited to the Zoom discussion of the movie.
When: Jan 17, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMkcOmtrDMiGdAqseMpK-5BonVIJWXz-J26t>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing



COVID **KNOW** MORE

Forum on Zoom



Save the Date

An informative Zoom forum about COVID

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00-8:30 pm

Details to follow

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DID YOU KNOW...

The health department of San Luis Obispo County is offering in-home vaccination for those people who are unable to get to a clinic for a Covid vaccine or flu shot and/or are considered homebound. In order to sign up please go to MyTurnCa.gov to sign up or call the health department at 805-781-5500 and ask to receive a home vaccine.

NAACP National

Year End News Updates:

New York Times: The White House will freeze federal student loan repayments until May 1.

Even so, the kind of sweeping forgiveness that many progressives and activists sought has remained elusive, and some of them quickly pointed out that the Biden administration could do more: “If you can afford to pause student loan payments over and over again, you can afford to cancel it,” Derrick Johnson, the president of the N.A.A.C.P., said in a terse statement.

CNN: USPS reaches settlement with NAACP over 2020 mail-in voting

The United States Postal Service announced an agreement Friday with the NAACP on a lawsuit the civil rights organization filed prior to the 2020 election that had challenged USPS delivery delays.

Under the settlement, the USPS said it anticipates enacting policies and practices during the 2022 midterms that are similar to the “extraordinary measures” used during the November 2020 general election. Those measures came amid criticism that the USPS, under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, implemented changes that impacted the delivery of mail-in ballots during a highly consequential election year and ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Black Enterprise: NAACP releases Civil Rights Scorecard

A coalition of civil rights groups released a report grading lawmakers on their voting record and saying U.S. politicians are failing them. The report comes after Republicans blocked voting rights legislation from advancing for a second time last week as Democrats continue to negotiate over President Joe Biden’s social spending bill. The report was released by the National Urban League, NAACP, National Action Network, and several other civil rights groups. The scores were based on senators’ votes on the American Rescue Plan Act, the John R. Lewis Voting the Rights Advancement Act, and the For the People Act.

Washington Post: Opinion: The Biden administration must go into overdrive to reclaim our courts

We need to resurrect the path of the civil rights lawyer to the federal bench. Such civil rights legal giants as Thurgood Marshall, Constance Baker Motley, Robert Carter, Nathaniel Jones and U.W. Clemon were appointed to judgeships between the administrations of John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter. But recent Democratic administrations have eschewed that practice, leaving our courts with very few judges who practiced civil rights law. We need such lawyers and other progressives back on the bench to bring some balance to courts around the country.

The Source: Vistaprint, Boston Celtics & NAACP Launch \$1M Grant to Support Black Small Business Owners

Vistaprint, the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation & NAACP have announced the formation of the Power Forward Grant. The grant will provide \$25,000 grants to Black-owned small businesses across New England.

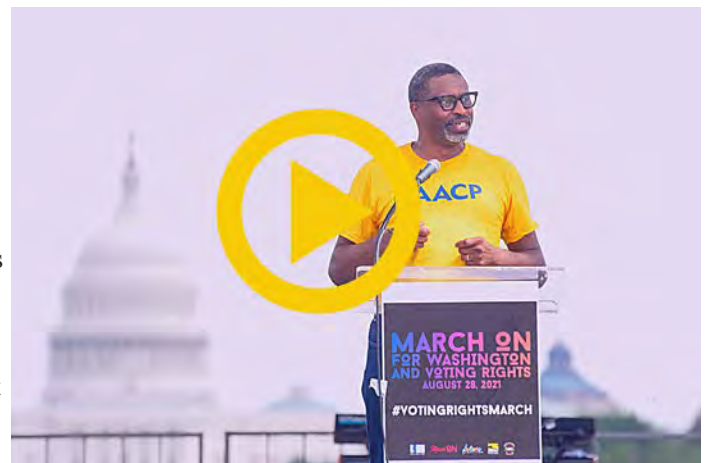
Variety: NAACP Image Awards 2021: The Complete Televised Winners List

The NAACP Image Awards officially began on Monday, giving out a set of awards each night. In addition to Anderson, “Black-ish” dominated with wins by Deon Cole and Marsai Martin in their respective comedy series categories. However, it was “Insecure” that walked away with the prize for outstanding comedy series.

CNN: Ten more members of Congress join NAACP lawsuit against Trump and Giuliani for conspiring to incite US Capitol riot. The lawsuit is backed by the NAACP, and its president, Derrick Johnson, accused the former President of inciting “a meticulously organized coup ... that placed members of Congress and the integrity of our democracy in peril.”

Black Enterprise: ‘We’re Doing It Bigger and Better’: Daymond John Announces 2nd Annual Black Entrepreneurs Day and \$250k NAACP Powershift Grant. In addition to fostering dialogue about a variety of entrepreneurial topics, Black Entrepreneur Day welcomed the next class of NAACP Powershift Grant recipients.

Hudson Valley Press: NAACP Convention Focuses on Diverse Future Agenda. “As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and a political, social, and economic system in need of fixing, this year’s convention sets the tone on how we move forward,” said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO, NAACP. “While we’ve yet to see the long-term consequences of the past four years, we know that the issues plaguing our nation and communities have compounded exponentially. The significance of how we rebuild our country cannot be understated. The 112th Annual Convention provides a foundation for all to come to the table to discuss and implement long-overdue solutions.”



[Click Here for video](#) “What We Did This Year”