

NAACP

San Luis Obispo County Branch

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President's Message

The Evil-Motivated Violence against BLACK PEOPLE!

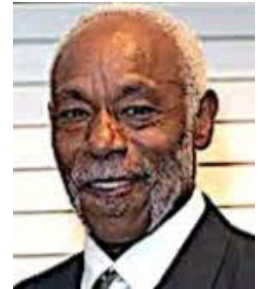
Think about it?

What I would like to talk about is the lasting legacy of Lynching in the United States of America. I want to recognize first the capture and transported Africans, that lasted 430 years. It is also estimated that there were between 20 and 30 million Africans captured and enslaved, and 5 to 10 million who died in the middle passage and all of our ancestors who suffered the brutal institution of American Slavery (A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY). The National memorial for Peace and Justice – informally called the National Lynching Memorial – recognizes the more than 4,400 documented black men, women, and children who were lynched between 1877 and 1950. What was surprising was how often people would be lynched, not because they were accused of murder or rape or some serious crime. Hundreds and hundreds of people were lynched because of some social transgression. For example: roaming eyes, they didn't call a white man Sir or because they walked too close to a white woman, because they went to the front door, because they complained about their wages. Lots of Black people, including many Black women, were lynched because they complained about their wages, lynching of their husband or son or father. I think most people don't realize how menacing this system of violence was and how accepted it was by law enforcement, judges and teachers. I mean, the people who carried out lynchings weren't only the Klan members in robes; they were the bankers, business people, and clergy. There were lots of lynchings that took place out-side of churches, and the church members were complicit in the violence.

Lynching's happened on court-house lawns and nobody was ever held accountable. So that history of nobody was ever held accountable for racially-motivated violence directed at black people cannot be separated from contemporary issues of violence by the dominant culture. So in conclusion, we have to talk about this history. We have been silent about the legacy of slavery and lynching far too long. We haven't forced this country to tell the truth about it's history, and because we haven't told the truth, I think there is a disconnection created from our history of being oppressed. If we want a better environment, we are going to have to commit ourselves to a process of truth and reconciliation.

Our Healing Monday's is about truth and reconciliation. Our branch goal, to change the world from SLO by changing ourselves, with Love, centered in Peace and full of Joy. This is our destiny and it's time to make that CHANGE, TOGETHER. We will never forget the past as we build a new future as one people under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all...This is our vision and that is what my leadership is about and our branch is strong and headed in that direction.

Rev. Stephen Vines President



Review of February Events

Black History Month February



HEALING MONDAYS

The best investment you can make!

For 7 Mondays Starting, Feb. 21st but it is not too late to join. See flyer on a following page

Black History Month Drive the City Motorcade North County Feb. 26th



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

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

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)

Upcoming Branch Activities

General Membership Meeting: Our Guest Speaker is The Honorable Malia M. Cohen, Chair, California State Board of Equalization. See Bio on following page.

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, 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, Envi-ronmental 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

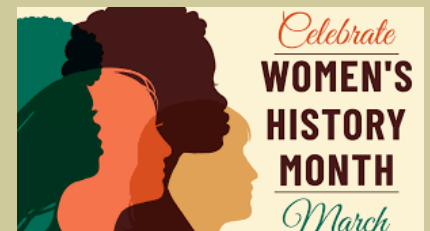
Outreach Team: Armed Services/Veterans Affairs, Economic Development, Housing, Labor/Industry Committees; meeting date and time TBD. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

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



Woman's History Month: 6th Annual Women's March SLO Event

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Mitchell Park, San Luis Obispo, CA

Volunteers are needed to help staff the NAACP SLO County Branch booth.

Please email naacpslocty@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Healing Mondays:

7:15-8:15 pm on Zoom for 7 Mondays Starting, Feb. 21st but it is not too late to join Please RSVP to naacpslocty@gmail.com to get the Zoom link. See Flyer on Following page

California Assembly District 30 Candidates Forum

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30. See flyer on following page

“Advocate Equity” Membership Drive

And Beyond . . .

Save the Date!

Juneteenth Celebration 2022, June 18-19th



The Guest Speaker at our March 8th General Membership Meeting is The Honorable Malia M. Cohen, Chair, California State Board of Equalization

Malia M. Cohen, a native San Franciscan and a product of the San Francisco Unified public school system, is a rising star and nationally recognized policy maker.

She serves as Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), California's elected tax commission. Elected to the Board of Equalization in November 2018, she was the first African American woman to serve on the Board and as Chair of the Board in its 142-year history.

As the BOE Member for the Second District, she represents 10 million constituents from as far north as Del Norte County to as far south as Santa Barbara County. Her district is home to the ancient redwoods, the wine industry in Napa County, the innovation capitol of the world in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley, and the beautiful and breathtaking Pacific Coast.



In 2020 she accepted San Francisco Mayor London Breed's appointment to the City and County of San Francisco's Police Commission. She currently serves as the President of the Commission and is the right leader during this equity moment in the City's history.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Equalization, Chair Cohen served as President of the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Fisk University, a historically Black university in Nashville, Tennessee, and a Masters in Science in Public Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She resides in San Francisco with her husband, Attorney Warren A. Pulley, and their daughter.

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Facilitated by Oddette Augustus (Miss Oddette) and Karen Burish Wyke

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About Healing Mondays. . . Two Different Avenues to Explore

POST TRAUMATIC SLAVE SYNDROME

“We must return and reclaim our past in order to move toward our future. It is in understanding who we were that will free us to embrace who we now are. (The meaning of Sankofa)

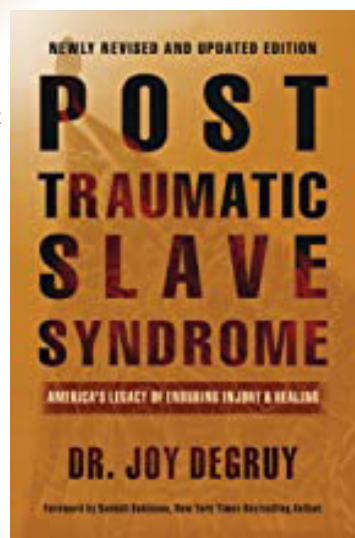
This is the opening line of the book we will be using to first discuss and acknowledge the specific lingering and devastating affects of enslavement. Second discuss and/or create ways to heal ourselves of this centuries old disease that continues to plague us. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome.

This is undoubtedly the most challenging endeavor we will ever choose. How can we not? Our very lives and those of future generations depends on it.

Whose ready to get healthy from the inside out top to bottom?

Purchase the book, read it then Join me...for Healing Mondays

Facilitated by Oddette Augustus



Hello White Folks of the SLO NAACP

You are invited to join with us on Healing Mondays.

The goal is to create a brave and safe place where we can explore what it means to be white, and to be more than just an ally to people of color. Oppression and racism can be like smog — invisible to us as white people, we breathe it in and out without even seeing it. In this group we will support each other in exploring and cleaning up this inner smog, and renew our commitment to cleaning it up in the world.



We will be studying “Things That Make White People Uncomfortable” by Michael Bennett and Dave Zirin

Facilitated by Karen Burish Wyke

Join Us for this Important Work.

Please RSVP to naacpslocty@gmail.com by Sunday February 20, 2022

"Advocate Equity" Membership Drive

Rewards Program Contest date: February 1st through April 30th!

New Members: There will be a prize for the person (member) that recruits the most new members

Membership Renewals: Each month, the names of those renewing their membership will be entered into a drawing for a prize!

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>



League of Women Voters of
San Luis Obispo County, CA



NAACP San Luis Obispo County

California Assembly District 30 Candidates Forum

District 30 now includes portions of Monterey, San Luis Obispo & Santa Cruz Counties

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board Room
800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30, Doors Open at 6:45

June 7 Primary Candidates

Dawn Addis
Zoe Carter
John Drake
Alexis Garcia-Arrazola
Vicki Nohrden
Jon Wizard

Welcome and Introductions

PRJUSD Superintendent
Curt Dubost

Moderators

Paso Robles Mayor
Steve Martin
And
League of Women Voters
Ed Cabrera

Forum Topics

California Healthcare
Environmental Protections
Social equity/voting rights
Homeless in California
Women's Rights

ZOOM Link & Live Internet Link TBA at <https://naacpslocty.org/>
Live Audience (Masks and Social Distancing Requested)

The Women in the NAACP (WIN) Celebrate Women in History Month

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8.

During this month-long celebration we should reflect on the women of our past and future; the struggles and suffrage that we have endured and the challenges of the future; such as the women's right to choose and equal pay. But, we should also celebrate all of our accomplishments and respect one another no matter our differences.



One of the NAACP Book Club selections, which is a must read for every Black woman and all People of Color is "I'm Still Here" Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness...I love being a Black woman because we are demanding. We demand the right to live as fully human, we demand access; the right to vote, to education, to employment, to housing, to equal treatment under the law. And we do it creatively: Sit-ins and die-ins, signs and songs, writing and filmmaking. We demand because our ancestors did. We demand because we believe in our own dignity. Author, Austin Channing Brown

Let's work together to be the Change.
Cheryl Vines, WIN Chair, NAACP SLO County

Amos C. Brown Fellowship to Ghana - NAACP

This first-of-its-kind program is powered by the NAACP, in collaboration with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and will provide a multicultural group of students the opportunity to travel to Ghana, West Africa, for an immersive, all expenses paid trip.

The 10-day excursion will take a select number of college students, young adults, and seminarians between the ages of 18 and 25 from the United States to Ghana for an experiential learning opportunity.

Applications are now open, apply here.

During the trip, Fellows will:

- Build bridges with Ghanaian counterparts, as well as understand and form a deeper appreciation of the history of Ghana as the oldest independent African state.
- Gain more knowledge about the Atlantic Slave Trade.
- Become ambassadors for social and racial justice.
- Fellows will also gain more insights about their ancestral lineage, learn about civil rights leaders who engaged in the pan-African movement, and explore how this movement plays a part in current racial and social issues within the U.S.

Spaces are limited. Interested young people are encouraged to apply by March 25, 2022.
Don't hesitate to share this program with your networks.

In power, Eris Sims, Chief of Staff, NAACP



NAACP National

The NAACP issued the following statement on President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States:

“The NAACP applauds President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. This is a historic moment for our nation and our community in particular. President Biden has met this moment with an extraordinarily qualified nominee, who has stellar credentials and an impeccable background,” said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO.

This is tremendously exciting news. We have been calling for this at the NAACP. We need Black women at every level of the judiciary, and especially on the highest court of the land. Beginning with Judge Jane Bolin and Judge Constance Baker Motley, Black women have been highly qualified and exceptional judges — and as such, they have been valuable members of the judicial system and they made incredibly unique contributions.



Since 1789, 115 justices have served on the Supreme Court of the United States, and not one has been a Black woman. The Court decides critical cases impacting the lives of all Americans, ranging from voting rights, economic justice, equal educational opportunity, reproductive rights, environmental justice, consumer rights, and criminal justice. Representation of a Black woman on the highest court of the land is long overdue. Her presence and voice on the Court will undoubtedly enrich its perspective and improve its decision-making.

A Washington, D.C. native who was raised in Miami Fla., Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Judge Jackson clerked for three federal judges, including Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, whose seat she would fill. In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed her to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In 2021, President Biden elevated her to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Importantly, Judge Jackson would bring a unique background to the Supreme Court, having spent a significant portion of her career working to ensure fairness in the criminal legal system. She served as a federal public defender in Washington, D.C., which would make her the first justice since Thurgood Marshall to bring criminal defense expertise to the Court. Judge Jackson also served as a staff attorney and later as a commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

In keeping with the NAACP’s long-standing practice of reviewing the records of all nominees to the Supreme Court, we look forward to reviewing Judge Jackson’s entire record and sharing our views with the U.S. Senate.

As the Senate exercises its “advice and consent” responsibility under the Constitution with respect to this historic nomination, we urge each and every senator to treat Judge Jackson with the respect, dignity, and courtesy she deserves. We note that certain members of the Senate have shown significant hostility toward President Biden’s woman nominees of color — both to executive and judicial positions. We caution those senators that the eyes of the nation are watching. Reviewing a Supreme Court nomination is one of the Senate’s most august responsibilities, and it must do so fairly and respectfully, especially given the historic nature of this appointment.

In power,
Janette McCarthy Wallace, General Counsel, NAACP