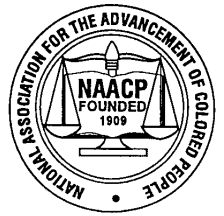


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wow! We have completed a two year term already, and now it's time for a new slate of Officers to step up to the plate. Joining me again this year are some new faces, and I am happy to say some returning faces, who will be seeking to serve you for next two years.

Cleo Smith, First Vice President has again agreed to seek re-election. Additionally, Sidney Clark will be seeking the office of 2nd Vice President and the Reverend Marva J. Edwards has agreed to seek the Office of 3rd Vice Presidents. We are also expanding our board by adding younger members, and continuing our commitment to ethnic diversity.

Our election of officers will occur at the January 18, 2003 general membership meeting. All ballots must be cast by secret ballot. No proxy votes are allowed. No mail in ballots may be cast.

All members in good standing are encouraged to vote. Come out and help us keep the Vancouver Branch Strong. VOTE!! It's the right thing to do.

Earl W. Ford

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2003-2005 ELECTIONS
SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2003
10:00A.M. – 12:00 noon
COMMUNITY AME ZION CHURCH
3605 E 13TH STREET**

OFFICER CANDIDATES

President: Earl W. Ford
1st Vice President: Cleo Smith
2nd Vice President: Sidney Clark
3rd Vice President: Rev Marva J. Edwards
Secretary: Joyce Batten
Asst Secretary: Joyce Swarn
Treasurer: Joseph Harrison

Board Members Candidates

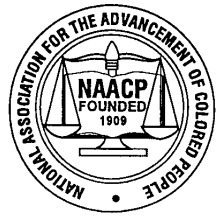
Willie Mae Johnigan
Laura Smith
Brenda Simmons
Chad Clark
Valerie Williams
Clara Cain
Bertha Baugh
Sylvan Wienberger
Valree Joshua
Linda Miller

COMING EVENTS

**Skanner's MLK Prayer Breakfast
January 20, 2003, 8:30-10 a.m.
Oregon Convention Center**

The Vancouver Branch will once again participate in the Prayer Breakfast in honor of the life and dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King. The speaker for this year's event is renowned Harvard Law School professor Charles

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Ogletree. You won't be disappointed by this spellbinding orator.

We have purchased a table for 10 and ad space in partnership with the USDA Coalition of Minority Employees. **I have eight tickets at the NAACP table available for \$20 each. Please join me at the NAACP table.** Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis.

Individual tickets with no table designation maybe purchased at the Skanner's Killingsworth office by January 16. **There will be no tickets available at the door.**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH BANQUET
VANCOUVER BRANCH NAACP**

THEME:

WHO WILL STAND FOR OUR CHILDREN?

LOCATION:

**WATER RESOURCES EDUCATION CENTER
4600 S.E. COLUMBIA WAY
VANCOUVER, WA
6:00-10:00 p.m.
360 696-8478**

For information or directions.

Our first fund raising activity of the new year features a keynote speaker named, Greg Evans, of Lane Community College (LCC), Office of Student Life and Leadership Development. Mr. Evans has developed, and leads a "Rights of Passage" program for youth of color.

At a time when many young people of color are being failed by the educational systems and the community, the rights of passage program at LCC is being cited, as the reason for increased enrollment of minority youth at LCC.

The objective of this year's event is to celebrate the achievements of NAACP Youth employers, participating in the NAACP Youth

Employment Program, and the Clark County African American Academic Achievement Program. Branch Youth Employment Program Coordinators will recognize and present awards to the outstanding City, Police Department and Safeway Stores employees who supervised our students

This event is co-sponsored by:

- **The City of Vancouver,**
- **The Water Resources Education Center,**
and
- **Clark County**

The Branch is currently seeking Corporate Sponsors to purchase a half page ad space in the program for \$500. A limited number of individual tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.

We are also providing small businesses and organizations an opportunity to participate as donors, at the \$200 and \$100 level. For your contribution your business will be listed on the donor page acknowledging the amount of your contributions.

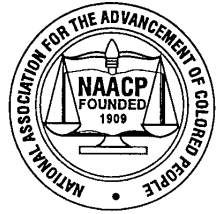
The program will include the Jazz vocalization of Pam Jordan, Opening Anthems by Mattie and Jerrod Neal, A Fashion Show, Presentations by the City Manager, County Commissioner Craig Pridmore, and Congressman Brain Baird has also been invited to make presentation.

We have also invited the Sheriff's Department and Vancouver Police Department to assist us in presentations during the program.

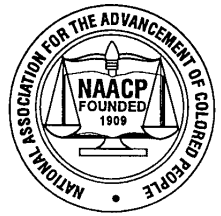
For more information on how you can participate as an event sponsor please contact President Earl Ford at

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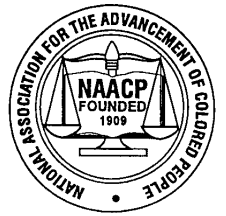


VANCOUVER BRANCH NAACP
BLACK HISTORY MONTH BANQUET
TAKING A STAND FOR OUR YOUTH

FEBRUARY 15, 2003, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
WATER RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER
4600 S.E COLUMBIA WAY, VANCOUVER, WA

- | ● INVITED SPEAKERS | AGENDA |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ● KEYNOTE: GREG EVANS, LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (confirmed) | 6:00PM – 7:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR |
| ● WELCOME: ROYCE POLLARD | 7:00 DINNER IS SERVED |
| ● CONG BRIAN BAIRD (invited) | 7:30 WELCOME, Mayor |
| ● CRAIG PRIDEMORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER (confirmed) | 7:40 Congressman Baird |
| ● ART GRANT, ATTORNEY AT LAW | 7:50 Commissioner Pridemore |
| ● ENTERTAINMENT | 8:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER |
| ● FASHION SHOW | 8:30 YEP AWARDS |
| ● PAM JORDAN, JAZZ VOCALIST Confirmed | 9:00 FASHION SHOW |
| ● Singer Needed , LIFT EVERY VOICE | 9:45 HUDSON BAY STEP TEAM |
| ● Singer Needed, NATIONAL ATHEM | |
| ● STEP SHOW (invited) | |
| ● HUDSON'S BAY HIGH SCHOOL | |

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The Branch has invited them to come, introduce themselves and talk a bit about their area of law. The social hour is open to the public. If you have questions about a case, or just want to hear about available resources and how you might avail your self of these resources you are cordially invited to participate.

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