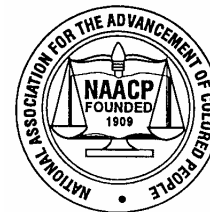


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



“THE RACE IS ON!” This was aptly chosen as our National and State Conference themes. I am using it as the lead-in for this newsletter, because it is appropriate to this election season. As a non-profit entity we are expressly prohibited by federal law from endorsing partisan candidates.

However, we are allowed to participate in the political process through voter registration, voter education and get out the vote campaigns. We are doing all three. To date we have registered over 300 new voters. Iloba Odum, Mabel Hicks, Cleo Smith and Freda Fuller led this effort by organizing voter registration days at Clark College, Good in the Neighborhood Festival, and Vancouver’s Westfield Mall.

I am particularly proud of the team’s efforts in outreach to register new voters. Yet, our most important work is ahead. It is the Branch’s continuing efforts to educate voters and get them out to the polls. As I said earlier, our efforts are non-partisan, and our aim is to simply get you our readers, and all communities of color in Clark County, actively engaged in the political process. **We Must Be Engaged.** We will share some engagement strategies in this newsletter.

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE

MEMBERS. At our September Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee approved President Ford’s recommendations for committee assignments to the Finance, Membership and Education Committees.

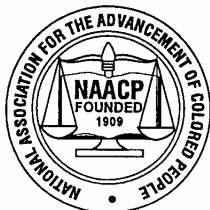
Ms. Margo Bryant, Portland General Electric, Special Needs Policy Manager was appointed to the Finance Committee. Margo brings a wealth of financial management experience to the Branch. She will work with the Treasurer and his staff to determine long-term financial management strategies for the Branch.

Mrs. Freda Fuller, who has been assisting Special Project Coordinator Pat Arnold, was moved to the Membership Committee. She will assist Membership Co-Chair Mrs. Shera Green in maintenance of the Branches membership roster. She will also lead day to day membership recruitment strategies.

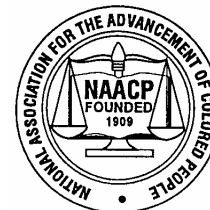
Mr. Charles Simmons was also appointed to the Education Committee. He will replace Daryl Hodges as Committee Co-chair along with 1st Vice President Cleo Smith.

President Ford has asked Mr. Simmons to continue the efforts of this summer’s African American Youth Rites of Passage program and track the development of young people who participated in the program. Mr. Simmons is working with parents to secure their permission to allow him to visit with students in the schools through out the school year.

“We want to track student progress” Mr. Simmons said. Our desire is continue to build upon the success of the Rites of Passage Program.



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**General Membership Meeting
 Political Forum Pancake Breakfast.
 October 16, 2004; 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
 \$5.00 per adult, \$2.00 children
 Under age 13 eat free
 Fort Vancouver PUD Building**

This is our final Pancake Breakfast of 2004.
 In this election year we have chosen to focus on Voter Initiatives and Ballot Measures. We are asking proponents for and against ballot measures and initiatives to come and present information to our visitors.

As President Ford stated in his column we are not in the business of supporting or opposing initiatives. Our objective is to insure that our members are informed about the issues. We want you to make informed choices as you enter the voting booth or complete your ballots.

The featured speaker for this event is **George Griffin, G3 and Associates**. George has been hired by the Muckleshoot Tribe to help inform voters about the Initiative 892. George will speak at 11:00 A.M.

rites of PASSAGE PROGRAM



Clark County Juvenile Court

Seventeen young people enrolled in the NAACP African American Rites of Passage Program this summer, were placed under the leadership of Mr. Charles Simmons, and Ms. Mable Hicks, COO of the program. The four week program consisted of one week of African American History, one week of African American Literature, one week of Social and Empowerment Skills and one week of environmental and Social Justice training.

Upcoming Events

City of Vancouver

Second Annual Outreach Fair for
 Goods, Services and Construction Suppliers

Friday, October 15, 2004 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Water Resources Education Center -
 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

African American Education Summit

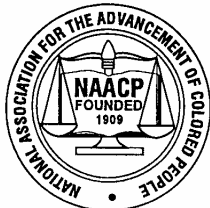
Friday, October 22, 2004 (6:30 pm to 9:00 pm)
 Saturday, October 23, 2004 (9:00 am to 4:00 am)
 Meany Middle School,
 301 21st Avenue E.
 Seattle, WA 98112

Oregon Action

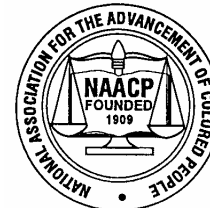
Political Forum
 Learn the Issues and Vote
 October 28, 2004
 Reflections Coffee House
 6:00 pm -9:00 pm
 446 NE Killingworth Ave

**The Washington State Human Rights
 Commission**

December 1-3, 2004
 Sheraton Tacoma Hotel
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 Tacoma, WA



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LEGISLATIVE PAGES WANTED. As a result of the efforts of 2nd Vice President

Sidney Clark, Education Co-Chair Daryl Hodges, and Youth Committee member Yolanda Smith at the 2004 Commission on African American Affairs Legislative Session we have now received request for Page applicants from both republican and democratic legislators. In a partnership with the Vancouver and Evergreen School District Multicultural Coordinators the Vancouver Branch sponsored over 20 high school seniors in a trip to Olympia.

Our students visited with every legislator from the Vancouver area. One major request was increased opportunities for students of color to participate in the Legislative Page program. In 2004 Representative Jim Moeller was only person in the Legislature to request Page applicants from the Branch. This year we have received request from Rep Fromhold, Senator Zarelli, Senator Carlson and Rep Moeller.

The Branch Education Committee led by Mable Hicks, (hmableone@aol.com) and assisted by Sister Jennie Kemp and Fanta Karmara will nominate five students for the page program. Completed Page application, Resume and Transcript must be submitted to NAACP PO Box shown above no later than November 1, 2004. NAACP nominees will be notified in writing by November 15, 2004.

MR. SMITH'S PHOTOGRAPHY
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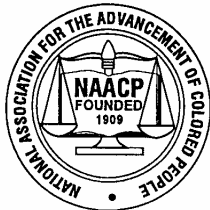
Mr. Smith's Photography is available for the following;

- *High School Prom*Graduation Photos*Awards Ceremonies*Rose Festival Assemblies
- *Sports & Band Portrait*Weddings*Family Portraits & Reunions
- *Christmas & Holiday Portraits*Easter Photos
- *Pregnancy Portraits*Newborn Photos*Photos for Church Directory*

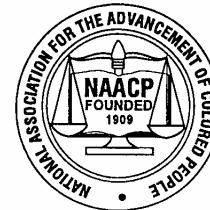
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The House Page:

Requirements

To serve as a page for the House of Representatives, a student must:

- Have permission from a parent or guardian
- Have permission from school
- Be sponsored by a current member of the House of Representatives
- Be at least 14 years of age and not have reached his or her 17th birthday

To allow the maximum number of students to participate, pages are allowed (1) to serve only *one* week of a legislative session for *either* the House or Senate, *not both*; (2) to serve only once during their eligibility period.

Employment Information

Applicants who are selected to serve as House pages will be provided with written employment confirmation. At that time, a packet will be provided which contains detailed information regarding the paging experience and forms that must be completed prior to the time paging begins.

Paging is a paid position - the pay is \$35 per day for each day worked. Before work commences, federal law requires that all employees, including pages, have a Social Security card and prove their employment eligibility.

Questions

If you have questions or need this application in an alternate format, please contact your member of the House of Representatives or the Legislative Information Center at the address and telephone number provided below.

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/hadm/pageprog.htm>

The Senate Page:

Here are requirements you must meet:

- Parent/guardian's permission;
- School's permission/recommendation;
- Senate sponsor;
- Social Security number (**must be included on the application**) and
- Must be at least 14 years of age and have not reached your 17th birthday.

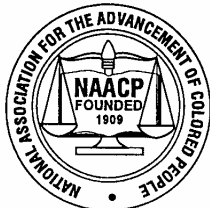
If you are selected, you will receive an acceptance letter and an information packet addressing everything you need to know about paging. The packet will arrive approximately four weeks before your start date and includes a Page Handbook, necessary forms and a list of private host homes for your stay in Olympia. Your parents or guardian will be responsible for your housing arrangements and your off-duty time.

Your appearance must be neat at all times.

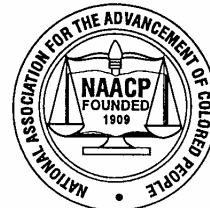
A page jacket will be furnished; however, you will need to bring:

- Black slacks or dress pants (skirts, black jeans, spandex, leggings or "low rise" pants are **NOT** acceptable).
- Gentlemen: white shirts with collar and black tie — shirts must always be tucked in.
- Ladies: white blouses, shirts or turtlenecks (shirts must be tucked in and buttoned to the waist — T-shirts, sweatshirts, bare midriffs are **NOT** acceptable).
- Comfortable black shoes and black socks (solid black tennis shoes are acceptable).

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/sadm/senpageprogram.htm>



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