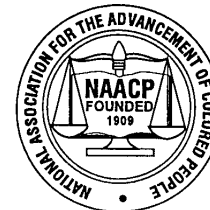


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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**



I believe that once again, I have much to be thankful for. I am most thankful for you, the loyal members and supporters of this Branch. It is your steadfast support that inspires me.

Let me hasten to welcome Mrs. Cornetta Smith who has joined the Branch, as grant writer. Our goal, with Mrs. Smith's assistance, is to develop a 3-5 year funded base for our Rites of Passage Summer Academy and other youth programs. It is important that we build a foundation that allows for the growth of these programs, as they provide services to our young people.

In 2004, our operating budget exceeded \$18,000. Over \$9,000, of this amount, went into the Rites of Passage Summer Academy. An additional \$2,000 went to the Urban Youth Camp program, in conjunction with the USDA Coalition of Minority Employees and Gifford Pinchot National Forest. We also provide annual support to the POIC Rosemary Anderson Alternative School and the Skanner Newspaper Group MLK Jr. Prayer Breakfast.

I am most proud of the work that we do to support our youth. I believe that the dollar spent on our youth is truly the best money that we spend. It would not be possible without you, our loyal supporters.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

General Membership Meeting  
 April 16, 2005  
 10:00 – 12:00  
 Community AME Zion Church  
 3605 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Vancouver, Washington

You will not want to miss this meeting. We have invited Ms. Dion Flora, from Chase Bank, to come and talk to us, about potential partnership opportunities with Chase.

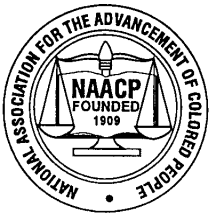
Mrs. Shera Green, (who is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month) will be on hand to tell you about our upcoming membership drive. We are planning a weekend Cell Phone-A-Thon. We will contact old members, seeking renewals, life memberships and leads to new members.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NAACP Black History**

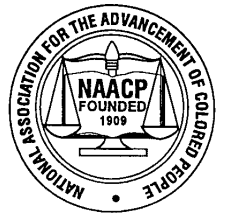
**Month Banquet:** This year's event was an outstanding success. Thanks to our new host Clark College, we were able to rise to a new level of funding. With the help of our individual donors and table sponsors, we raised \$10,000 and an additional \$2,000 in ticket sales, thanks to the efforts of Cleo Smith and Karen Brown.

We were also able to celebrate 60 years of service by honoring five of our founding and sustaining members. They are Joseph Harrison, Willa Mae Johnigan, Bertha Baugh, Clara Cain and Sylvane Wienberg. Follow the link below to find photos on our website.

<http://www.naacpvanc.org/images/2005bhm/pages/09.htm>



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To: All local chapter NAACP Members  
 From: Dr. Michael Kissinger, Artistic Director  
 Bravo! Vancouver-Vancouver Wine & Jazz  
 Festival

Bravo! Vancouver will present a concert on  
 Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> called "Out Of Africa,"  
 featuring the 65-voice Bravo! Chorale and  
 special guest artist and concert pianist, Dr.  
 William Chapman Nyaho.

The local chapter of the NAACP will be  
 partnering with Bravo! Vancouver by selling  
 tickets for this upcoming concert. **Tickets for  
 the concert are \$15, and the local NAACP  
 chapter will receive 50% of all tickets sold by  
 NAACP members.** Our hope is that NAACP  
 members will sell 200 tickets and raise \$1,500  
 for the chapter.

This concert will feature music by American<sup>th</sup>  
 composers of African descent, as well as 19<sup>th</sup>  
 and 20<sup>th</sup> century African composers. The  
 Chorale will perform many of the Spirituals of  
 William Dawson and Jester Hairston, such as  
*Ain'a That Good News?* and *I Got Shoes*,  
 among others. These Spirituals have now  
 become part of the "American Songbook" and  
 are regarded as classics. **Dr. William Chapman  
 Nyaho** is a native of Ghana, but has lived for  
 most of the past 20 years in the United States.

He is regarded as one of the world's experts on  
 African classical music, and will perform piano  
 music by African composers, such as Robert  
 Nathaniel Dett's *In The Bottoms* piano suite. In  
 addition to being a fantastic concert pianist, he  
 is a good friend, and I know you will enjoy  
 meeting him.

This will be a terrific opportunity for NAACP  
 members to accomplish things:

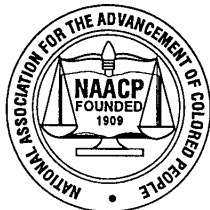
- Raise money to support local NAACP  
 programs;
- Hear a great music by outstanding African and  
 African American composers.

**Cleo Smith** is in charge of the NAACP tickets.  
**Please contact Ms. Smith at 360-896-9649** to  
 get your tickets, or for additional information.

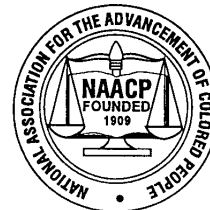
I hope each local member of NAACP will  
 participate in these special NAACP ticket sales,  
 and will attend this concert.

Kind regards,

Dr. Michael Kissinger



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