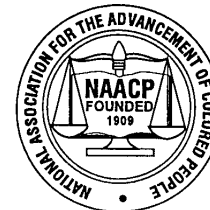


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I believe that all is in order and we are on track for a great 2005. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Welcome to 2005. Our Branch elections are complete, all bills are paid and our treasury is in the black. We have just completed a year in which our operating budget was stretched to the limit with new programs. We met the challenges.

I am perhaps most proud of the 2004 African American Rites of Passage Program. Charles Simmons and Mable Hicks the program coordinators are actively tracking graduates of the 2004 program. This was our first year for the program. It was so successful that our board has unanimously agreed to continue the program in 2005.

We also stepped up our activism against allegations of racially motivated incidents reported to the branch. We participated in everything from school issues, racial profiling, juvenile and adult courts to employment issues. Our legal redress team led by Sidney Clark and our Education Committee led by Cleo Smith were busy last year. This year we have added bright and talented young people who are willing to help them with the yeoman's' task of battling racism in all of its various forms.

I am most grateful to all of you who are and continue to be members of this great organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting
 January 15, 2005
 10:00 – 12:00
 Community AME Zion Church
 3605 E. 13th Street
 Vancouver, Washington

3rd Annual NAACP Black History Month Banquet

DATE: Saturday February 12, 2005

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

THEME: *Celebrating 60 Years Service in Vancouver & Clark County*

KEYNOTE SPEKER: TBA

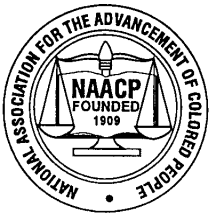
Mistress of Ceremony: Reverend Marva J. Edwards

HOST: *Clark College, GAISER HALL
 1800 EAST McLOUGHLIN BLVD,
 VANCOUVER, WA*

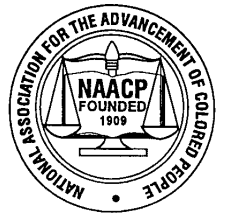
Tickets \$30 each will be on sale Monday January 17, 2005. Sorry, there will be no ticket sales at the door.

Participant Information

Corporate tables for 8	\$500
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2005 Elected Officers

- President, Earl w. Ford
- Vice President, Cleo Smith
- 2nd Vice President, Rev Marva J. Edwards
- 3rd Vice President, Sidney A. Clark
- Secretary, Joyce Swarn
- Treasurer, Joseph Harrison

Executive Committee Chairs

1. **Legal Redress**, *Sidney Clark*
2. **Veterans Affairs**, *Jeff Parish*
3. **Labor & Industry**, *Bob Andrews*
 Southwest Washington African Chamber of
 Commerce, *Peter Umoh, Ben King*
4. **Education**, *Cleo Smith*
5. **Co-Chair**, *Charles Simmons*
6. **Membership**, *Shera Green*
7. **Co-Chair**, *Freda Fuller*
8. **Youth**, *Brenda Simmons*
9. **Co-Chair**, *Mable Hicks*
10. **Housing**, *Carol Collier*
11. **Religious Affairs**, *Rev Marva
 Edwards*
12. **Executive Committee**, *Valree Joshua*
13. **Executive Committee**, *Clara Cain*

14. **Executive Committee**, *Linda Miller*
15. **Executive Committee**, *Bertha Baugh*
16. **Finance**, *Joseph Harrison*
17. **Finance Co-Chair**, *Margo Bryant*
18. **Executive Committee**, *Willa Mae
 Johnigan*
19. **Parliamentarian: Vacant**

Welcome to the 2005 officers elect. This is a unique blend of our founding members, current community leaders, and our future leaders.

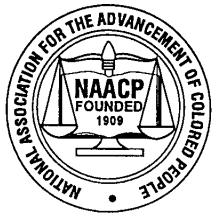
President Ford has committed his leadership to ensuring that his administration will pass the torch of leadership to a well trained group of future leaders.

We are always seeking young innovative leaders for committee leadership and assignments. Just let us know what you want to do. There is always room at the Vancouver Branch NAACP for talented people who want to roll up their sleeves and get involved.

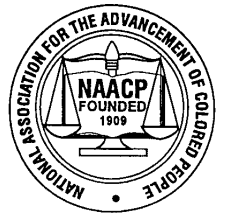
Newsletter AD Space

Once again in 2005 we will continue to offer ad space in this newsletter. Our ads are \$25. For \$100 we run your ad in four newsletters. This is a bi-monthly newsletter which goes out to our mailing list of 400 readers.

Contact Branch Secretary and newsletter editor, Joyce Sworn at joyce.swarn@quest.com email or, 360-991-1861



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