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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



**IT TIME TO GO:** This marks the end of my 10<sup>th</sup> term and final term as the President of the Vancouver Branch NAACP. I feel a tremendous sense of pride in the accomplishments of the branch and each of you, the supporters the branch.

I want use this space to even try and recap accomplishments under my leadership. I believe that is best left to others. So if you believed that I was good for the organization or if you believe I was detrimental. I am glad to have had the opportunity to serve. I did my best most of the time. And even in those times when my efforts fell short of my best, I stayed on the battlefield. Now as I take my leave from the Presidency of the Branch, I rest secure in the belief that you our loyal supporters are willing in able to step up. I am sure the Branch is in good hands.

At our September meeting Joyce Batten, Branch Secretary will declare all seats for the 2009-2010 operating year open. At that time we establish a nominating committee which will develop a list of candidates for the office of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Several of you have expressed interest in seeking office.

I encourage you to serve. If you are not interested in elective office, let us know if you are interested in serving on one of our many committees. Perhaps you will join me on the Legal Redress committee, or Terry Durazo and Brenda Simmons as Youth Coordinators, or Charles Simmons on the Education Committee, or Mrs. Green on the Membership Committee just to name a few.

## A LEGEND RETIRES

Joseph Harrison, Vancouver Branch Treasurer has decided to retire at the end of his term. He has served as the Branch Treasurer since 1978. After 31 years in this position we plan on sending him off into retirement in style at our December Membership meeting.

A man of few words Mr. Joe (as he is fondly known) is better known for his consistency. During his tenure we have always had a steady hand at the wheel. His leadership is not going away completely as he has agreed to serve on the finance committee and help our new Treasurer with the transition.

Mr. Joe **THANKS** for the years of service!!

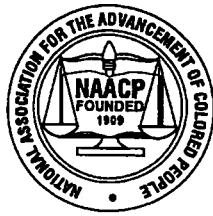
## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, September 20, 2008  
10:00 A.M. – 12 NOON

### AGENDA

- Secretary Report
- Treasurers Report
- AOW State Conference Report
- Nominating Committee Selection
- Youth Coordinator Reports
- Committee Reports
- Officer Nominations
- Meeting Adjourned

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**NAACP STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY  
(October 4<sup>th</sup> 2008)**

We are looking for a commitment from members who are interested in strategic planning to join us in a day of long range (3-5 years) planning. Margo Bryant, MBA has agreed to facilitate a day of planning with the specific goal of a planning agenda for the next 2 years. Interested planners please contact Margo at the September membership meeting or by email at [margo.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:margo.bryant@gmail.com)

**Goal: To set the chapter's agenda for the next two years.**

**Agenda**

Objectives: With limited resources, what kinds of programs should we invest our time.

- Brainstorm program ideas
- Identify those that rise to the top.
- Prioritize projects for the organization i.e., Banquet, Rites of Passage, etc.
- Establish project goals for the next 2 years.
- Identify project leader for each.  
Explore responsibilities and skill sets necessary for selecting that leader.
- Review developed implementation plans for each project including budgets and possible funding sources.

**Diversity Resolution for the  
Washington State Department of  
Corrections**

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Whereas the WA State Dept of Corrections Inmate Population is disproportionately populated by African Americans and other people of color,

And Whereas the WA State Department of Corrections Staff is disproportional populated

by white Americans, White spouses, White Relatives and White Friends,

And Whereas the Vancouver Branch NAACP staunchly believes that service providers must be as ethnically diverse as their customers in order to provide culturally appropriate services.

Be it therefore resolved that the Vancouver Branch NAACP requests a meeting with the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections. The purpose of said meeting is to discuss the development of a diversity plan which has at its core an outreach strategy, developed in consultation with communities of color: to recruit, train, and retain and ethnically diverse Department Of Correction workforce.

This resolution will be placed on the floor for member consideration, discussion and voice vote at the September membership meeting.