

**NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 2nd QUARTER 2015**

By Tori Bailey, Tri County Branch President

The Tri County Branch 5063, made up of three northwest Alabama Counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin, reports as follows:

The Tri County Branch has continued its quest to help build bridges between law enforcement and the communities they are there to serve and protect. To that end, we have continued to host meetings to which local city police chiefs and county sheriffs have participated which enable members of the public to ask questions, raise concerns, and develop solutions to challenges that currently exist. At our March branch meeting, the police chiefs of Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia, along with the sheriff and chief deputy of Colbert County, spoke with and listened to NAACP members. At our April branch meeting, held in Franklin County, two of those chiefs asked us if they could to attend again, and the Colbert County Sheriff sent a representative. Those present did not hesitate to ask questions, and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity for open and honest dialogue. The law enforcement heads that have participated have pledged to continue to work with the NAACP to improve community-police relations.

Last week, our branch formed a team to participate in a spelling bee to benefit the North Alabama Reading Aides. Our team was sponsored by the local newspaper, TimesDaily. The event was very enjoyable, and quite educational!

The Tri-County Branch will hold its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, May 16th and we are looking forward to having a representative from the Southern Poverty Law Center as our speaker. If there is anyone who is interested in attending, please have them contact branch president, Tori Bailey.

We continue publicly to positively report their activities, as well as those of our state conference and our local branch each Sunday, on our weekly program which airs on WZZA Radio. We also continue to use Facebook and twitter to inform the public about NAACP and encourage participation in this worthwhile organization.

This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch. Respectfully submitted, Tori Bailey