

NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 4th 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:

We are very excited to have nine attendees at this 2015 state conference convention, which is one of the largest groups we have had to attend an NAACP state convention. Our branch representatives are President-Tori Bailey, Vice President-Charles Dale, Treasurer-Bettie Robinson, Parliamentarian-Lieutenant Jessie Qualls, Legal Redress Secretary-Joyce Nelson, Membership Chair-Ann Phillips, Immigrant Justice Liaison-Evelyn Servin, and our WIN Vice Chair and State Conference Time and Place Committee Chair-Darlene Minniefield.

The Tri-County Branch was happy to welcome the Alabama State Conference to our area for the 2015 third quarter meeting that was held in August. We will commit to hosting a quarterly meeting again next year, but we encourage other branches in the north Alabama area to also commit to hosting to ensure that at least one quarterly meeting is held in our part of the state every year in order to reduce travel times to quarterly meetings.

Our branch has continues to grow in both membership and in branch meeting attendance. Although some of our members are not current with their dues, we have almost three hundred members on our Tri-County Branch roll. We sent in five new memberships last week, and are set to send in six more to the National office next week.

We are still receiving many calls to our NAACP hotline 256-383-4260 for the Legal Redress and have worked with members of our community to address violations of civil rights.

Our communications include our weekly radio program, Facebook, and Twitter and have recently expanded that to include the Hispanic community. Veterans Affairs Chair Commander Jesse Qualls keeps the branch and the community about services available for veterans and their family members. Our Political Action Committee oversees Voter Education, Prison, and Immigration Reform and has been active in attending city council meetings. Currently there is protest of the placement of a new dog pound near a predominantly Black neighborhood. Our Health Chair Katrina Coffey reminded us that October is the month when awareness is raised about Breast Cancer, Domestic Violence, National Bullying, AIDS, and other issues. She provided assistance contacts and written information. With the addition of Ms. Darlene Minniefield as our branch's WIN Vice Chair, we have become more actively involved in State WIN activities, with our newest WIN member being Commander Jessie Qualls.

We found that the former president of the UNA college chapter is no longer a student and the chapter is not currently active and are now working a new campus advisor for the UNA chapter.

Our fundraising efforts include NAACP Tri County book bags and tee-shirts. Anyone who wants one can leave a message on the Tri County hotline. We have selected the date for our next Freedom Fund banquet as being Saturday, June 4th, 2016.

We commend the Reverend Charles Dale and thank him for standing in for President Bailey who had to leave to attend an event honoring her father. This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch. Respectfully submitted, Tori Bailey