

**NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 1st QUARTER 2016**

By Tori Bailey, Tri County Branch President

Vice President Charles Dale, representing President Tori Bailey and the Tri County Branch 5063 (made up of three northwest Alabama Counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin), reports:

Our branch has continued to grow and evolve and our committees have been very active. We receive many phone calls to our NAACP hotline 256-383-4260, for general information about our activities, and to provide a number for Legal Redress issues.

We just sent in twenty-two new and renewal memberships to the national office. Two of those were Silver Life members. Our Membership Chair, Ann Phillips, has placed membership forms in various businesses. Veterans Affairs Chair Jessie Qualls continues to assist veterans and their families to take advantage of available services. Housing Chair Ulysses Burt provides handouts outlining HUD rules and regulations so that our members are informed about their rights and obligations. Our new Health Chair, Kaytrina Cole Coffey, has not only educated the branch by presenting information to our members, but even prepared a delicious meal and fed the branch members at a recent meeting. Our Economic Affairs Committee, chaired by City Councilman George Johnson, will be working with the state Economic Committee and Ms. Ollie Parham, to present a workshop in our area. WIN Vice Chair, Ms. Darlene Minniefield, has plans for fundraisers for the Tri County Branch. Our Branch President and our Legal Redress Committee fields calls each week, meets with those who have complained of civil rights violations, investigates those claims, and when necessary advocates on their behalf. Our political action Committee, chaired by Vice President Dale, oversees Voter Education, Prison, and Immigration Reform and is continually encouraging citizens to become registered voters before the March primary, advocating for voting rights, and educating our members about our history and our path forward. Our communications include our weekly radio program, Facebook, and Twitter.

Also in the area of communications, President Bailey met with the University of North Alabama's Computer Information Systems class to explore creation of a website for the Tri County Branch. That should be completed this semester. This is in partial reaction to the fact that the National office has failed to update our address on the NAACP National website, in spite of the fact that for eight years we have submitted our updated information to them over and over via mail, email, and phone conversations with several national and state officers. We have lost faith them the national office to follow through on their many promises, and in the state president to advocate on behalf of our branch, and we will therefore have a website presence of our own with accurate information about our branch.

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 postponed our Freedom Fund banquet and will announce the alternate date soon.

We commend the Reverend Charles Dale who is doing an excellent job, and thank him for standing in for President Bailey. This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch. Submitted by President Tori Bailey.