

**NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 4th QUARTER 2016**

By Tori Bailey, Tri County Branch President

President Tori Bailey is honored to bring this report of activities of the Tri County Branch 5063, made up of three northwest Alabama Counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin, as follows:

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. Our weekly radio program has been used to inform our members and the general community about our activities and to build bridges with other organizations with similar interests and purpose. In addition to our radio program, our communications include our website: www.NAACPTriCountyAlabama.com, Facebook, and Twitter. Our Facebook feeds can be found on our website.

We continue to hold our local law enforcement accountable for the fair and equal treatment of all our citizens, no matter what race or ethnicity. We also hold our citizens answerable for their actions and encourage them to be legal. We have found it effective to maintain an effective relationship with each police chief and sheriff in our area and meet regularly with them to maintain open communication and accountability. That has caused those leaders to be more proactive about contacting us when there is a potential problem to resolve issues proactively.

While there are always voter registration forms at each branch meeting, we have also partnered with other organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to hold voter registration drives at events such as the W.C. Handy Festival. Voter registration was also held at the Watermelon Festival, in churches, and at other community events.

Our workshop presenters have included Jerome Gray about voter education and inspiration, Northwest Shoals Community College who provided Red Cross life-saving training and certification, Freddie Hogan about minority business development, and Southern Poverty Law Center and WellsFargo which presented an economic forum. President Bailey also presented at the Worshipful Master's Council meeting about voting.

Our branch has over three hundred members on its rolls, and over one hundred of those members paid and current. We have received membership applications from individuals outside of our Tri County area, and after consulting with our state membership chair, have accepted those persons as members of our branch whether or not they have ever actually attended a meeting. Our committees have continued to become more active, and have presented verbal reports at our monthly meetings. As our committee chairs have become more involved, they have been advised that written reports should be submitted.

We are elated that the National office has updated its national website to reflect the Tri County's current address and we thank those who worked to make this happen.

Our Freedom Fund banquet will be held October 22nd at the Radisson Hotel, formerly the Jameson Inn Conference Center. The speaker will be Dr. Will Boyd, pastor of the St. Mark M.B. Church.

We thank Elder Charles Dale, who stood in for President Bailey at state meetings during her absence during the second and third quarters due to the recent illness of her mother. This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch.

Submitted by President Tori Bailey