

NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 1st QUARTER 2018

By Tori Bailey, Tri County Branch President

President Tori Bailey reports activities of the Tri County Branch 5063, as follows:

The Tri County Branch (Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin) expresses heartfelt appreciation to my friend Pastor Chris Neloms, and to President Jan Turnbore and his branch for graciously hosting this meeting in north Alabama. As a result, since we did not have to drive for so many hours to attend a quarterly meeting, we are very proud to have a record number of our branch members who were able in the house today. (Acknowledgement of our fourteen attendees!)

Our branch has set the workshops for the first half of the year which include an explanation of proper legal redress form submissions with committee chair John Williams; a partnership with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Religious Affairs Chair Wesley Thompson to present a discussion titled “The Urgency of Now” about The Future Of Our Nation; and workshops on Veterans Benefits with Commander Jessie Qualls, Estate Planning by Attorney Curtis Simpson, Voter Education with branch political action chair Joyce Nelson who completed VAN training with me yesterday; Healthy eating by Dr. Javar Myatt Jones; Technology Talk about computers, smart phones, tablets, snap chat, and social media; a discussion on the use and appropriateness of pistols in the pulpit and guns when gathering in public meetings, and a membership drive by all members. Other topics being discussed are CPR Certification; sexual harassment in work and schools settings. The branch has begun the year with a revamp of committee chairs, several of whom have already submitted written reports of plans for the upcoming year.

We’ve had some successes with voter mobilization, have addressed violations of civil rights on our college campus and in our communities, and have been proactive with building bridges with elected officials and law enforcement. We’re continuing in those efforts to keep those communication open. Several partnerships with other organizations with shared interests have been established for several purposes: to balance the abundance of confederate statues with the erection of statues of notable African Americans; to deal with the investigation of the noose left at one of our local Black churches; address klan activity; to support providing affordable health coverage for all; increasing minority employment; and much more.

Our website, found at www.NAACPTriCountyAlabama.org, has been updated again with the 2018 calendar and several of the scheduled workshops, and will soon show new messages from committee chairs. Our Facebook feed has a separate scroll and includes some video from past meetings and other community events.

Tri-County Branch's phone line is [256-383-4260](tel:256-383-4260). Our branch continues to inform both our members and the general community about branch activities with our weekly radio program on WZZA and with social media: our website, Facebook, and Twitter.

This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch.

Submitted by President Tori Bailey