

**NAACP TRI COUNTY BRANCH NUMBER 5063
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 1st QUARTER 2017**

By Tori Bailey, Tri County Branch President

President Tori Bailey brings this report of activities of the Tri County Branch 5063, as follows:

The Tri County Branch is made up of the three northwest Alabama Counties of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin, and has traditionally elected officers from all three of those counties. We are happy that this trend has continued with the results of our elections in November. President Tori Bailey, who lives in Colbert County, will serve her third term. Other new officers include:

First Vice President Commander Jessie Qualls (Lauderdale County), who has served as both parliamentarian and chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee; and Second Vice President Mrs. Sheryl Hamilton (Franklin County), who is the wife of our former first Vice President C.D. Hamilton, and who has served as WIN Chair, both of whom are here today.

We are happy to announce the re-election both our Treasurer, Bettie Robinson, a retired banker, and Assistant Treasurer, George Johnson (also chair of the Economic Committee) who have both done an excellent job in overseeing our finances. Mr. Johnson is here today. Mrs. Ann Underwood continues to serve as our assistant Secretary. Our new Secretary is Darlene Minniefield, who also serves as WIN Co-chair and has been active in the State Conference.

Also with us are Executive Committee members Councilwoman Penny Freeman, a grant writer and continuing education instructor who heads our Education Committee; and the Reverend Wesley Thompson a community activist who heads our Youth and who was one of the representatives at the Women's march held yesterday in Florence, Alabama.

Committee Chairs are already working on their plans of action for this term. Some of our committee chairs have changed and those will be posted on our website within the next three weeks.

Our next workshop will be Attorney Morris Bramlett, an experienced civil rights lawyer. Other presenters include bankers, doctors, attorneys and law enforcement. We have reached out to establish communications with elected officials in an attempt to mitigate the anticipated challenges resulting from the most recent presidential election.

Our branch has over three hundred members on its rolls, with one hundred twenty of those members paid and current. We signed up several new members at our most recent membership drive held at the Unity Breakfast sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. We have agreed to partner with the fraternity to hold voter registration drives throughout the year. The state leaders of that fraternity would like to partner with other branches also.

Our NAACP phone line is 256-383-4260 and our weekly radio program is 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. This concludes the quarterly report of the Tri County Branch.

Submitted by President Tori Bailey