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Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for **ALL** Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view our latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP **vision** is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the **2nd "A"** of the NAACP, which stands for **ADVANCEMENT**. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.

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Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

This month, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of African Americans. We engaged in various activities such as school programs, film screenings, museum visits, church events, library exhibits, and speech contests, all highlighting the rich contributions of African Americans to our society.

However, amidst these celebrations, we must remain focused on recent developments regarding the dismantling of the Department of Education and the termination of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives. These changes signify a significant shift in our approach to education and community engagement.

Education is a cornerstone of our society, fostering growth, innovation, and understanding. The removal of these structures may impact how we support our students and educators. It is crucial to acknowledge the importance of diverse perspectives and equitable opportunities in shaping a well-rounded educational experience for all. Unfortunately, legislators who are against DEI initiatives really don't know what DEI means, therefore threatening valuable opportunities for all Americans.

As we move forward, I urge each of you to continue to ***(D)emonstrate, (E)xtremely (I)ntegrity*** and remain vigilant and proactive in advocating for educational equity and inclusivity. Our voices and actions can help ensure that the values of diversity and equality remain at the forefront of our community's priorities. We will continue to provide testimony and monitor the progress on S.B. 113.

Together, we can continue to support and uplift one another, ensuring that education remains accessible and inclusive for all individuals, regardless of their background.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward

"Move Forward With Foward"

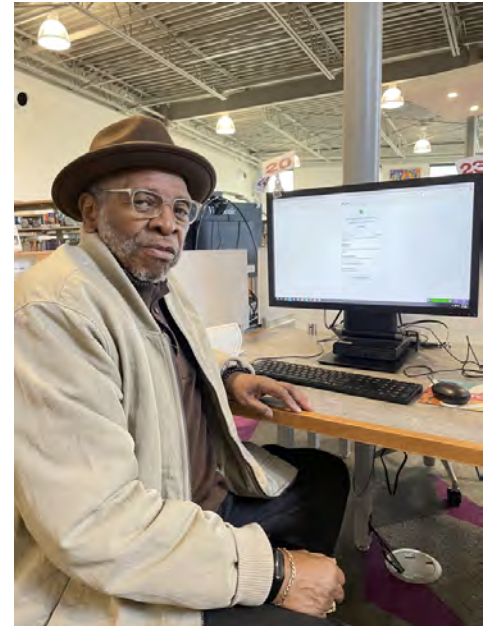


Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
 "Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"
 "Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 10.45% vs previous year.



Larry Richardson
Joined on the Spot, as he Believes in the Organization



Subscribing Silver Life Members

Sandra Collie	Lovell Foward	Sonya Foward
Brandy Foward	Ozell Foward	Taiyisha Foward
Brian Foward	Printus Foward III	Connor Evan Keiser
Faye Foward	Shemeka Foward	Derrick Scales Sr.
Joanne Foward		

Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Lonnie & Joan Franks
Silver Life Members

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Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner
Investigator



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 15 complaints of discrimination, down 64.29% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 54.55%
- Education - 9.09%
- Murder - 9.09%
- Defamation - 9.09%
- Public Business - 9.09%

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission has jurisdiction to investigate charges of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation (access to services and facilities open to the public), disability in higher education (beyond the high school/secondary level) and credit. The bases protected against discrimination in Ohio are as follows: race, color, sex, disability, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, familial status in housing, military status, marital status (for credit only) and retaliation.

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission has a statute of limitations of six months of the alleged act of discrimination for public accommodation, credit, or disability in higher education complaints, one year for housing complaints, or two years for employment complaints. All charges of discrimination must be filed within those periods following the last occurrence of discriminatory harm and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission cannot investigate acts of discrimination that occurred prior to that date.

You can file a charge of discrimination with the OCRC using the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://civ.ohio.gov/how-to-file-a-charge/filing-a-charge/online/1-online>
- **By Mail:** 3055 Kettering Blvd, Suite 111, Dayton, Ohio 45439
- **In Person:** (937) 285-6500

David K. Greer, Sr.
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Environment & Climate Justice

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 Dayton Branch NAACP
 Dr. Dennis L. Powell, President
 915 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402
 Office Telephone: (937) 222-2172
 Email: naacpdayton1311@naacp.org
 Website: naacpdayton.org

Monday, February 24, 2025
General Membership Meeting - 6:00 PM
 Grace United Methodist Church
 1001 Harvard Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio
Moderator
 Gary J. Leppla, Esq., Environmental and Climate Justice Committee

Environmental Rule of Law:
 Tracking Progress and Charting
 Future Directions

**The Challenging
 Quest for
 Environmental
 Progress and
 Justice!**

Speakers

Gayle Covington Fowler Meg Maloney
 Rap Hankins Lamees Mubaslat
 Fabrice Juin

Upcoming Meetings and Events...

March 7-8, 2025 Ohio Conference NAACP Quarterly Meeting	Monday, March 17, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Dayton Branch NAACP	Monday, March 24, 2025 General Membership Meeting Focus: Environmental and Climate Justice
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Communications, Press and Publicity, Nichole Smith, Clerk

Gary J. Leppla, Esq., Chair, Environmental and Climate Justice, moderated a panel discussion titled, ***“The Challenging Quest for Environmental Progress and Justice!”*** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on February 24, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were Lamees Mubaslat, Dayton Regional Green Director in the Office of Strategic Initiatives, Montgomery County; Meg Maloney, City of Dayton Manager of Office of Sustainability; Rap Hankins, Drive Electric Dayton, President; Fabrice Juin, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Equity Initiative Program Manager; and Gayle Covington Fowler, President, National Environmental Justice Alumni Association.

Educated over 610 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.

Watch here: (<https://youtu.be/KI3Ch-1ogEw>)

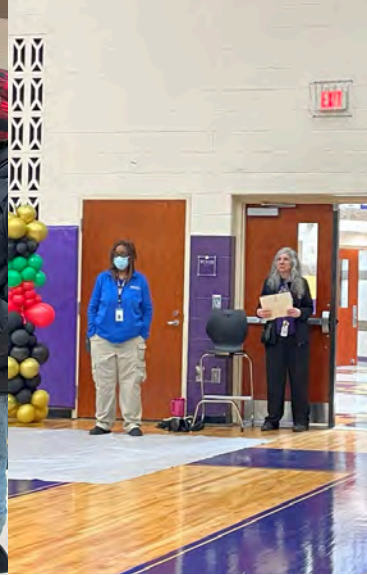


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Youth and Young Adult Engagement



Advisor Tiwona Foward Helped Organize Black History Month Program at Thurgood Marshall STEM High School



Co-Advisor Vilo Westwood Helped Organize Black History Month Program at Thurgood Marshall STEM High School



ACT-SO Participant Anaiyah Rogers Received the Highest Scholarship Award During The 45th AKA Ebony Jewels and Gems Cotillion



Members of the Dayton Branch NAACP Support Black History Month Program



President Foward Serves on Entrepreneurial Panel at Belmont High School

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Civic Engagement

Foward Educates Staff and Clients About the Civil Rights Work of the NAACP During the

URS: United Rehabilitation Services Black History Month Program



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Civic Engagement

Foward, Fox, Buford and Early Gives Remarks During Joe Madison Room Dedication



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Civic Engagement

**Tom Roberts, 2nd VP & Political Action Chair
Educates Citizens on the
Three Branches of Government During the
Inaugural Montgomery County Poverty Commission Meeting**



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Civic Engagement

Black History Month Program Then vs. Now...What Has Changed?

Freedom Rider Hezekiah Watkins



A BIG THANK YOU to KAYELIN TIGGS for Bridging This Partnership



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Civic Engagement

Freedom Rider Hezekiah Watkins & Mississippi Museum Educator Jerry Knight



Visit to NAACP Dayton Headquarters



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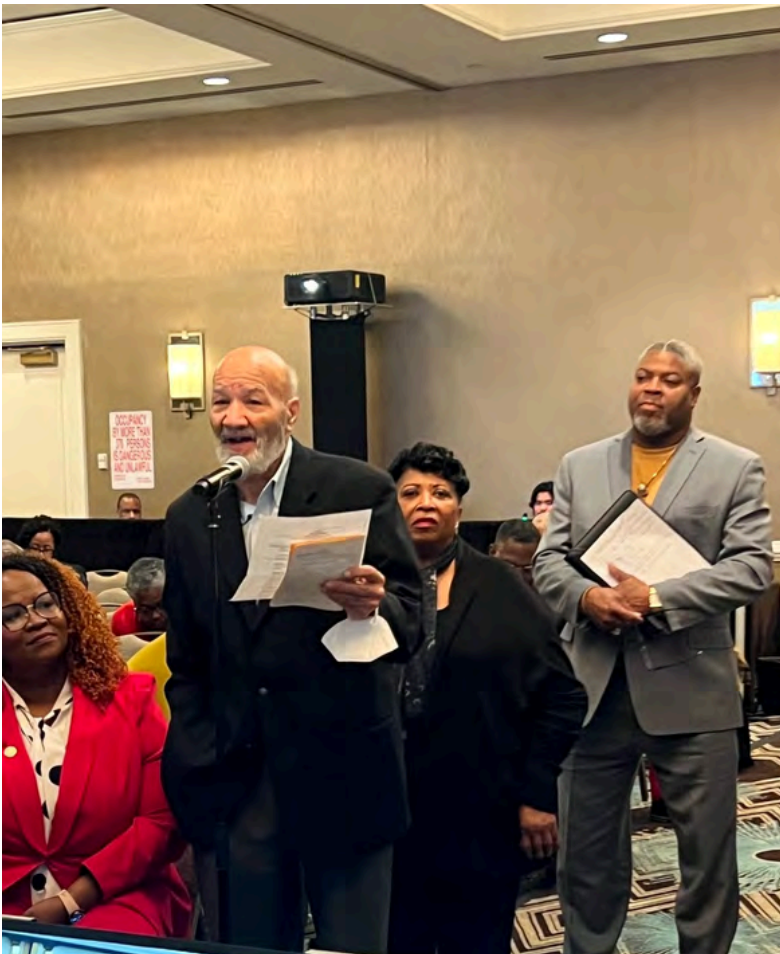
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**Ohio NAACP President Tom Roberts
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Provided in Ohio for the Year of 2024 to
NAACP National Board of Director
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Supporting Partner Organizations



Westwood Elementary School
Learning Walk



Westwood Elementary School
Learning Walk



Dayton Public Schools
Legislative Breakfast



Harrison Township Black History Month Program



Miami Valley Urban League State of Black Dayton



Miami Valley Urban League State of Black Dayton



Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr. 2025 State of the City Address

Speaking Truth to Power

NEWS

Miami Valley residents, leaders react to recent hate group activity

by: [Whitney Williams](#), [Emily Lewis](#)
 Posted: Feb 11, 2025 / 06:00 PM EST
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HONORING BLACK HISTORY

Dayton NAACP reflects on 100+ years, what's next in 2025

by: [Sartaj Singh](#), [Emily Lewis](#)
 Posted: Feb 18, 2025 / 03:43 PM EST
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AS SEEN ON 2 NEWS

Millions expected to participate in 24-hour economic blackout

by: [Adrienne Oglesby](#), [Trey Brown](#)
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Awards & Recognitions



Parity Top Ten African American Males
Congratulations Cedric L. McGhee



Awards & Recognitions

Dayton Convention Center General Manager Michael King Presents
Dr. Derrick L. Foward & Lu Dale With Partnership Recognition Plaque

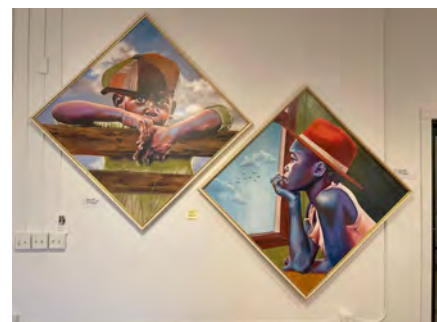
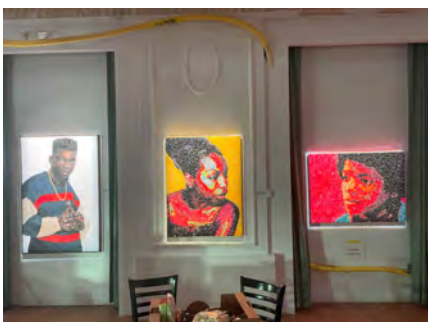


**U.S. Congressman Mike Turner Presents
Community Service Award
to Life Member Dr. Anthony Whitmore**

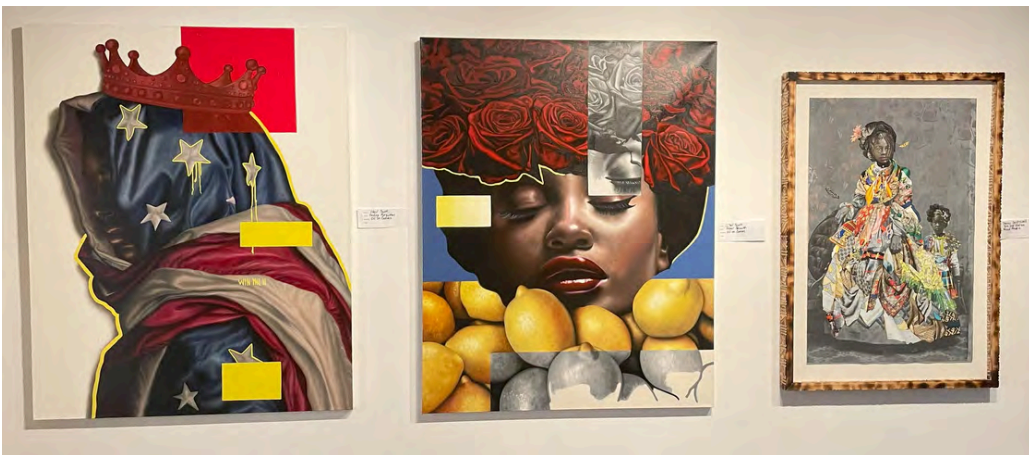
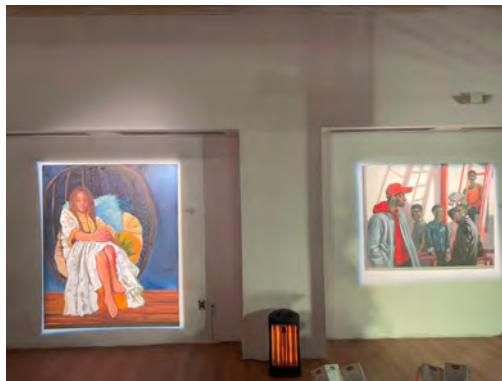
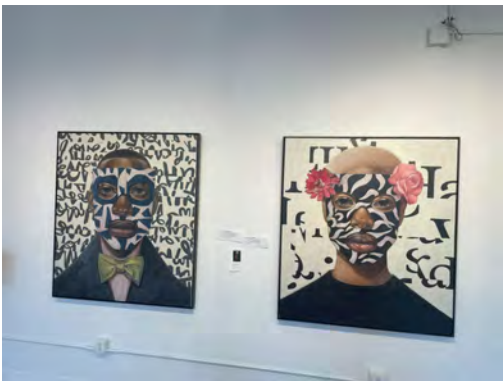
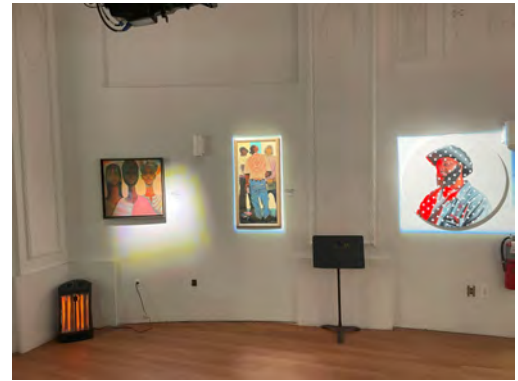
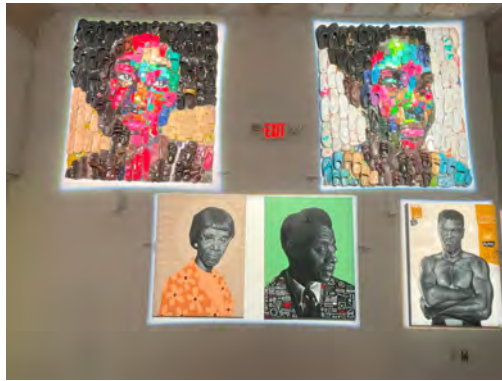
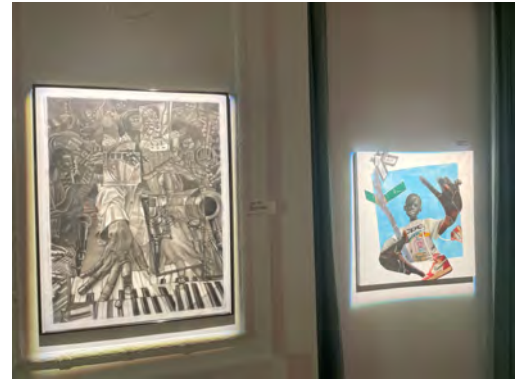
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Community Service Award
to Life Member the Honorable Alice O. McCollum**



Dayton NAACP Engages Detroit NAACP to Collaborate on Part I of the Everyday People Art Exhibit at The Carr Center in Detroit, Michigan



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Upcoming Events

March 8, 2025

Ohio Conference NAACP Executive Committee Mtg. & Quarterly Mtg.

March 17, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

March 24, 2025

General Membership Meeting & Political Action Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

We Believe Black History Is Made Everyday of the Year!



Fully Committed!

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