

DAYTON BRANCH NAACP #3181



**NAACP**  
*Dayton Branch*

# The Dayton Branch *Chronicle*



## INFORM | EDUCATE | EMPOWER

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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### President's Cabinet

#### Dr. Derrick L. Foward President Freedom Fund

*Dinah M. Williams*  
Membership and Life Member

*Jo A. Lovelace Hill*  
Finance

*Cedric L. McGhee*  
ACT-SO

*Elijah Rashaed*  
Art Curator

*Nichole Smith*  
Communications, Press, Publicity & Technology

*Graham Curry*  
Young Adult

*Scott E. Barwick*  
Prison Branch

#### Mattie P. White Vice President Community Coordination

*David K. Greer, Sr.*  
Labor & Industry

*Rev. Dr. David I. Fox*  
Criminal Justice

*Atty. Gary J. Leppla*  
Legal Redress

*Roland Winburn*  
Economic Development

#### Tom Roberts 2nd Vice President Political Action

*Tiwona L. Foward*  
Women in NAACP (WIN)

*Rev. Renard D. Allen, Jr.*  
Religious Affairs

*Atty. Gary J. Leppla*  
Environmental & Climate Justice

*David L. Montgomery*  
GOTV

*Terrence Williams, SMSgt USAF (Ret)*  
Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

#### Willie A. Terrell, Jr. 3rd Vice President Scholarship

*Dr. Morris L. Brown*  
Health

*Ayokunle O. Ogunduyile*  
International Affairs

*Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.*  
Education

*TBD*  
Housing

**"Talent wins  
games, but  
teamwork and  
intelligence wins  
championships."**

MICHAEL JORDAN



#### Administrative Leadership

Colin L. Kimuli  
Secretary

Dinah M. Williams  
Assistant Secretary

#### Financial Leadership

Jo A. Lovelace Smith  
Treasurer

Harvey C. Bolden  
Assistant Treasurer

#### Youth & College Leadership

Zora C. Boddie  
President, Dayton Youth Council

Claudine Tumusifu  
President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall

Solomon Scales  
President, LJYC

Pamela D. Sloan  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

Valerie R. Hayes  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

#### Executive Committee

Rev. Herman E. Branham  
Chaplain

Chris R. Cortner

Lu Dale

Eric L. Ellington, Sr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms

#### Office Volunteers

Dr. Morris L. Brown

Chris R. Cortner

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox

Arnetta G. Gary

David K. Greer, Sr.

Rev. Renee Sheppard

#### President Emeritus

Jessie O. Gooding

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## Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

In the month of March, the United States of America honored and recognized women who have made significant contributions to society. I personally would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to five remarkable women who served the NAACP with distinction. Their outstanding contributions, dedication and commitment to Civil Rights have significantly advanced our mission and impacted our Nation positively. Below is a snapshot of their historic accomplishments.

**Dr. Hazel N. Dukes** served honorably as the National President of the NAACP from 1990 - 1992, and President of the NAACP New York State Conference from 1977 until her death at age 92 on March 1, 2025. She was also one of the longest serving members of the NAACP National Board of Directors. Dr. Dukes was a fierce civil rights activist who was highly respected by her peers.



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

**Stacey D. Benson-Taylor** served honorably as an Executive Committee Member of the Dayton Branch NAACP from 2003 -2004 then from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2024. The Civil and Human Rights support she has provided over the last 16 years is invaluable. Her support of our youth programs, voter education seminars & negotiating initiatives was remarkable. Her kindness and willingness to go above and beyond to assist citizens throughout the Dayton Region by launching the "Deed Fraud Initiative" was commendable.

**Clair M. Thompson** served honorably as Madam Secretary of the Dayton Branch NAACP from January 1, 2015 – January 27, 2025. Her leadership and tireless efforts have been instrumental in driving our initiatives forward. Her ability to build consensus and foster inclusive dialogue continues to inspire those around her and strengthen our community bonds. As secretary, the collaboration she exemplified with the president, treasurer and other team members was simply outstanding.

**Dr. Laretta Williams** served honorably as Assistant Secretary and Education Chair respectively for the Dayton Branch NAACP from January 1, 2015 – March 14, 2025. Her unwavering and relentless commitment to education has made an impactful difference to our nation's children. Her passion for advocacy and education has empowered many, and her work continues to be a beacon of hope and change for students throughout the Dayton Region. She understands that education opens doors to unlimited possibilities.

**Lady Tiwona L. Foward** served honorably as Treasurer of the Dayton Branch NAACP from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024. Her exceptional skill in financial management has greatly contributed to our success, netting a surplus of \$133,122 during her tenure in office. This was an amazing accomplishment, placing the Unit on a great financial trajectory. Her innovative approach to financial stewardship has not only enhanced our operations but gave us an opportunity to uplift those we serve throughout the Dayton Region.

The NAACP is truly fortunate to have such committed individuals who embody the spirit of service and excellence. Thank you for your invaluable contributions and for making a difference in our Nation.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward

*"Move Forward With Foward"*

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## Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 14.33% vs previous year.



### Subscribing Silver Life Members

Adrian Baker	Ahletta M. Burns	Gary M. Melchor
Pamela O. Baker	Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.	Reggie Terrell



Dinah M. Williams  
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Capree D. Branham  
Regular Member



Walter H. Rice & Bonnie Beaman Rice  
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 33 complaints of discrimination, up 32% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 33.33%
- Business Public - 15.15%
- Housing - 12.12%
- Education - 9.09%
- Police Misconduct - 3.03%

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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## Political Action

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Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President  
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### Meet the **CANDIDATES**

**Monday**  
**March 24, 2025**  
**6:30 PM**

Grace United Methodist Church  
1001 Harvard Blvd.  
Dayton, Ohio 45406

**For Dayton City Commission**

Darius Beckham  
Jacob Davis  
Valerie Duncan  
Darryl Fairchild  
Karen Wick



**Moderator**  
**Tom Roberts**  
2nd Vice President & Political Action Chair

### ✓ Upcoming Meetings & Events

4/4-6 - Medgar Evers Region III Civil Rights Training Advocacy Institute (CRATI)  
4/7 - Voter Registration for May 6 Primary / Special Election  
4/12 - ACT-SO Day of the Stars  
4/21 - Executive Committee Meeting  
4/28 - General Membership Meeting & Criminal Justice Committee Presentation

**Tom Roberts, 2nd Vice President and Chair, Political Action**, moderated a panel discussion titled, ***“Meet the Candidates!”*** This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on March 24, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were candidates for the office of Dayton City Commissioner to include Darius Beckham; Jacob Davis; Valerie Duncan; Darryl Fairchild; and Karen Wick.

Educated over 1,260 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.

Watch here: (<https://youtu.be/WxbgxYc5P7A>)





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## Youth and Young Adult Engagement

Littlejohn Junior Youth Council Presents

*Valerie Thomas, a Scientist and Inventor*

*Taught Kids to use a Spectroscope and*

*Recognized Black Women in History Through Storytelling*





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## Civic Engagement

**Foward & Tims Participates in Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC)  
Press Conference Urging Governor Mike DeWine to VETO Senate Bill (SB) 1**





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## Civic Engagement

In Partnership with the Kettering Foundation Democracy Fellows,  
Foward Interviewed Judge Timothy N. O'Connell and Judge Christopher D. Roberts  
to Discuss the Judicial Branch of Government



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In Partnership with the Kettering Foundation Democracy Fellows, Foward Interviewed Harrison Twp. Trustee Roland Winburn and Trotwood Assistant City Manager Stephanie Kellum to Discuss the Legislative Branch of Government





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## Annual Audit

### Audit Committee Members Convene at NAACP Dayton Headquarters to Conduct Annual Audit



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## Ohio Conference NAACP

**Dayton Branch NAACP Host President's (47) DEI Rollback Initiatives Listening Session  
Along With Four Southern Ohio NAACP Branches & Partner Organizations**





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**Community Partners Engage in Breakout Sessions  
to Discuss President's (47) DEI Rollback Initiatives**



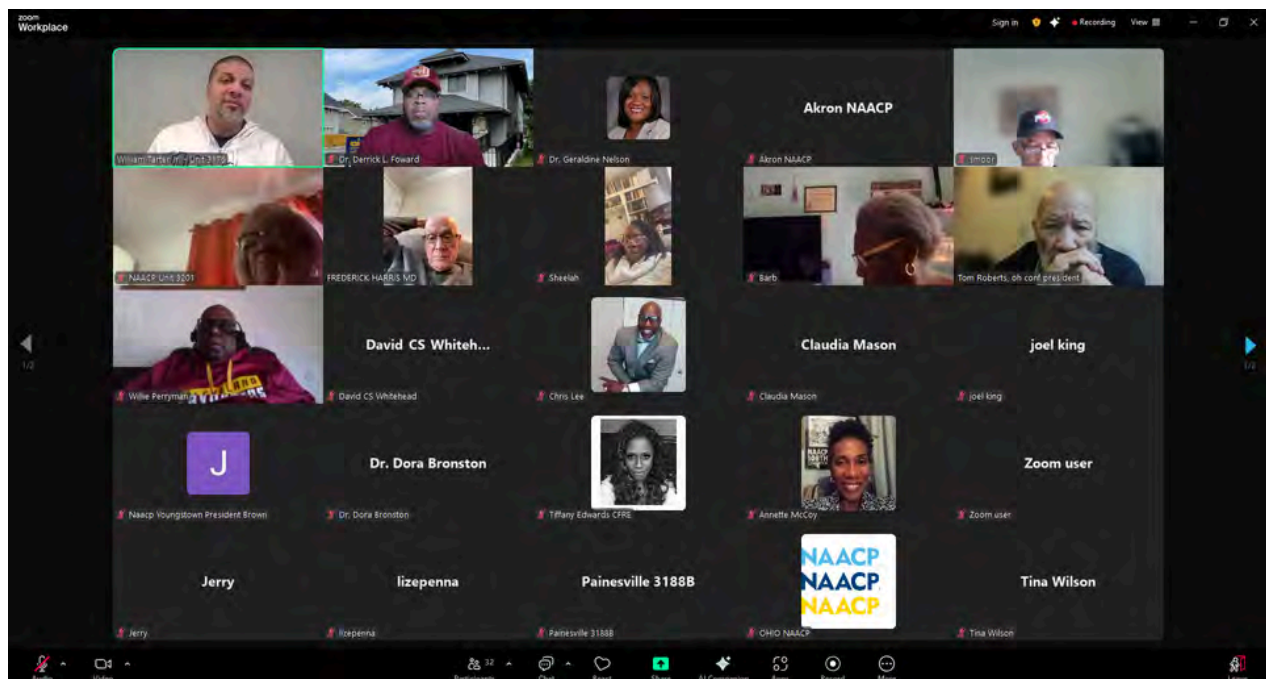
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## Ohio Conference NAACP

### Roberts and Foward Participating in State Executive Committee Meeting



### Roberts and Foward Participating in State Quarterly Training





# NAACP Region 3 Leadership Caucus

Detroit Branch NAACP Hosts

NAACP Region 3 Leadership Caucus Retreat (OH, MI, WI, WV, IN, IL, KY)





## NAACP Region 3 Leadership Caucus

NAACP Region 3 Leadership Caucus (OH, MI, WI, WV, IN, IL, KY) Visits  
Everyday People Art Exhibit at The Carr Center in Detroit, Michigan







**Central State University President  
Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti Inducted Into the Central  
State University Alumni Achievement Hall of Fame**



**Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti**  
Officially Announced as the  
**10th President of Central State University**



## Foward Participates in Dayton Public Schools Ford NGL Meeting



**In His Roll as Vice President, Compliance Officer and Trainer for the Ohio Conference NAACP, Foward Held an Organizational Meeting with Central State University Students During Their Government Class to Start the Reactivation Process**





## Educating Voters

### Dayton Daily News

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## Dayton commission candidates hope to make the cut, list priorities at NAACP forum

Voters will narrow the field of five (Fairchild, Beckham, Wick, Davis and Duncan) to four in the May 6 runoff election.



DaytonDailyNews

## Dayton Daily News

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INITIATIVES IN OHIO TO TAKE AWAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK YOUTH AND PUSH DIVERSE OHIOANS TO SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION IN OTHER STATES.

GOP Bill to ban DEI, faculty strikes in public higher ed headed to governor

By [Avery Kreemer](#)

March 26, 2025



## Speaking Truth to Power

**WHIO TV 7**

NEWS STORM CENTER 7 VIDEO I-TEAM WHIO-TV WHIO RADIO 7 CIRCLE OF KINDNESS PETS STEALS AND DEALS CELEBRATING CHERYL!




**Dayton NAACP meets to discuss DEI rollbacks**

**TOM ROBERTS**  
PRESIDENT OF DAYTON CHAPTER OF NAACP

**YOUR LOCAL ELECTION HQ**

# Candidates for city commission discuss issues important to Dayton


by: Evan Bales, Emily Lewis  
Posted: Mar 24, 2025 / 10:25 PM EDT  
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**DR. DERRICK FOWARD**  
PRESIDENT, DAYTON CHAPTER OF NAACP

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**Dayton NAACP comments on organization's role in pending...**

## Awards & Recognitions

### President Foward Presents Meritorious Service Awards to

**Lady Tiwona L. Foward, Clair M. Thompson,  
Lauretta Williams and Stacey D. Benson-Taylor**



**President Foward Presents  
Citation of Honor to  
Life Member David Abney**





**Dr. Hazel Nell Dukes**

**March 17, 1932 – March 1, 2025**

**NAACP National President & CEO (1990-1992)**

**NAACP National Board of Directors (Many Years)**

**NAACP New York State Conference President (1977-2025)**



## Hillary Clinton presents civil rights activist Hazel Dukes with NAACP's highest honor

By **Tiana Woodard** Globe Staff,  
Updated August 1, 2023, 10:38 p.m.



Former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton presented Hazel Dukes with the Spingarn Medal, the NAACP's highest honor, at the closing of the 114th NAACP National Convention at the Boston Convention Center. KEN MCGAGH FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

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### Upcoming Events

April 4-6, 2025 (Cleveland, Ohio)

NAACP Region 3

Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI)

April 7, 2025

Voter Registration Deadline for May 6 Primary / Special Election

April 12, 2025

ACT-SO Day of the Stars

April 20, 2025

Easter

April 21, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

April 28, 2025

General Membership Meeting

& Criminal Justice Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

Never forget, Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



## Fully Committed!

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