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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,

Community progress is built through intentional conversations, shared history, and collective commitment. Throughout this past year, I have had the opportunity to engage in meaningful efforts that reflect those values, whether advocating for youth sports, supporting historically Black institutions, honoring public service, or continuing my leadership within the Dayton Branch NAACP.

One such effort involved organizing and convening a meeting with representatives of First Dayton Little League and officials from the City of Dayton to discuss the future use of Kettering Field. This meeting was rooted in the belief that our youth deserve consistent access to safe, well-maintained recreational spaces where they can learn teamwork, discipline, and leadership. By bringing all stakeholders to the table, we were able to have an open and productive dialogue about how First Dayton Little League can continue utilizing Kettering Field for their games while strengthening partnerships that support long-term sustainability. Youth sports are more than games; they are pipelines for personal development and community pride.

That same commitment to honoring legacy and investing in Black excellence was evident in my support of the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic, featuring the Miles College Golden Bears and the Virginia Union University Panthers. Held on August 31, 2025, at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio, the game was more than a competition, it was a celebration of HBCU athletic tradition, culture, and opportunity. Supporting this venue and event is critically important, as it showcases the talent, history, and economic impact of Black college football while bringing national attention to institutions that have long been underrepresented. Events like this strengthen community ties and preserve an essential part of our collective heritage.

Honoring service and sacrifice was also at the forefront when I had the distinct honor of presenting a Citation of Honor to the family of Chief Elmer William "Bill" Ross during the dedication ceremony naming Fire Station 2 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in his honor. Chief Ross's legacy of leadership, courage, and dedication to public safety lives on through this tribute. Recognizing his contributions was not only a moment of remembrance for his family, but a reminder to all of us of the importance of acknowledging those who have paved the way through service and sacrifice.

Finally, I am deeply grateful to the NAACP delegates from across the State of Ohio for entrusting me with their confidence by electing me to my ninth term as Vice President of the Ohio Conference NAACP. This continued support is both humbling and motivating. It reinforces my commitment to advancing civil rights, advocating for equity, and working tirelessly on behalf of the communities we serve.

Each of these moments, whether focused on youth, history, service, or leadership, reflects a shared mission: to build stronger, more inclusive communities while honoring the past and preparing for the future.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward



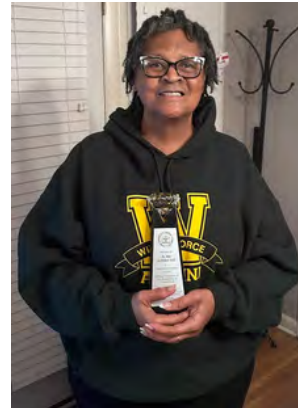
Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
 "Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"
 "Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"

"Move Forward With Foward"

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 9.73% vs previous year.



Jo A. Lovelace Hill
Diamond Life Member



John McManus
Silver Life Member

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Subscribing Silver Life Members

Adrian Baker	Khalid Karriem
Pamela O. Baker	Nancy Lee



Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Jesse Logan
Silver Life Member

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Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner
Investigator



Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Advisor



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 24 complaints of discrimination, down 22.44% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 25.00%
- Housing - 16.67%
- Education - 12.50%
- Public Business - 8.33%
- Wrongful Death - 4.17%

Filing A Housing Discrimination Complaint

To combat housing discrimination in Ohio, you can file a complaint with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or you can file a lawsuit in federal or state court. It is crucial to document the incident thoroughly, including names, dates, and details, and to file your complaint within one year of the discriminatory act.

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

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

Gary J. Leppla, Esq.
Chair, Legal redress Committee

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Education

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School Administrators Provide DISTRICT UPDATES

Monday August 25, 2025 6:30 PM

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

Panelists

Dayton Early College Academy
Superintendent - David Taylor
Principal HS - Katy Jo Bull

Jefferson Township Local Schools
Superintendent - Rusty Clifford, PhD
Principal HS - Tonya King

Trotwood Madison City Schools
Superintendent - Marlon Howard;
Principal HS - Michael McCray;

Dayton Public Schools
Superintendent - Dr. David Lawrence
Principal - Belmont HS - Dionne McDole
Principal - Paul Laurence Dunbar HS - Catrina Bailey
Principal - Meadowdale HS - Eddie Davis
Principal - Mound Street Head - Daniel Hinshaw
Principal - David H. Ponitz HS - Dr. Leonard Brown
Principal - Stivers School for the Arts - Dr. Paul Waller
Principal - Thurgood Marshall HS - Chavin Lewis
Principal - Jackson Center - Lolita Christian

Moderator
Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.
Education Chair

Upcoming Meetings & Events
9/15 - Executive Committee Meeting
9/22 - General Membership Meeting & Political Action Committee Presentation

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Gerry E. Griffith, Sr., Chair, Education, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“School Administrators Provide District Updates.”* This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on August 25, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were *Marlon Howard, Trotwood Madison City Schools Superintendent; Michael McCray, Principal, Trotwood Madison HS; Rusty Clifford, Ph.D., Jefferson Township Local School District Superintendent; David Taylor, DECA Superintendent; Dr. David Lawrence, Dayton Public Schools Superintendent; Dionne McDole, Principal, Belmont HS; Catrina Bailey, Principal, Paul Laurence Dunbar HS; Eddie Davis, Principal, Meadowdale HS; Daniel Hinshaw, Principal, Mound Street Academy; Dr. Leonard Brown, Principal, David H. Ponitz HS; Dr. Paul Waller, Principal, Stivers School for the Arts; Chavin Lewis, Principal, Thurgood Marshall HS; and Lolita Christian, Principal, Jackson Center.*

Educated over 2,381 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.



President Foward & Education Chairman Gerry Griffith Meets With DECA Superintendent David Taylor



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Youth and Young Adult Engagement

NAACP Dayton Civil Rights Awards Banquet and Meeting With City of Dayton Officials



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Economic Development

President Foward Speaks During
Re-Grand Opening of Kroger's



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Economic Development

President Foward, Mayor Yvette Page and City Manager Quincy Pope
Tour WesTrafo America Plant in the City of Trotwood Before Grand Opening



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Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

David L. Montgomery, GOTV Chair and Team Members,
Registering Voters at Various Events



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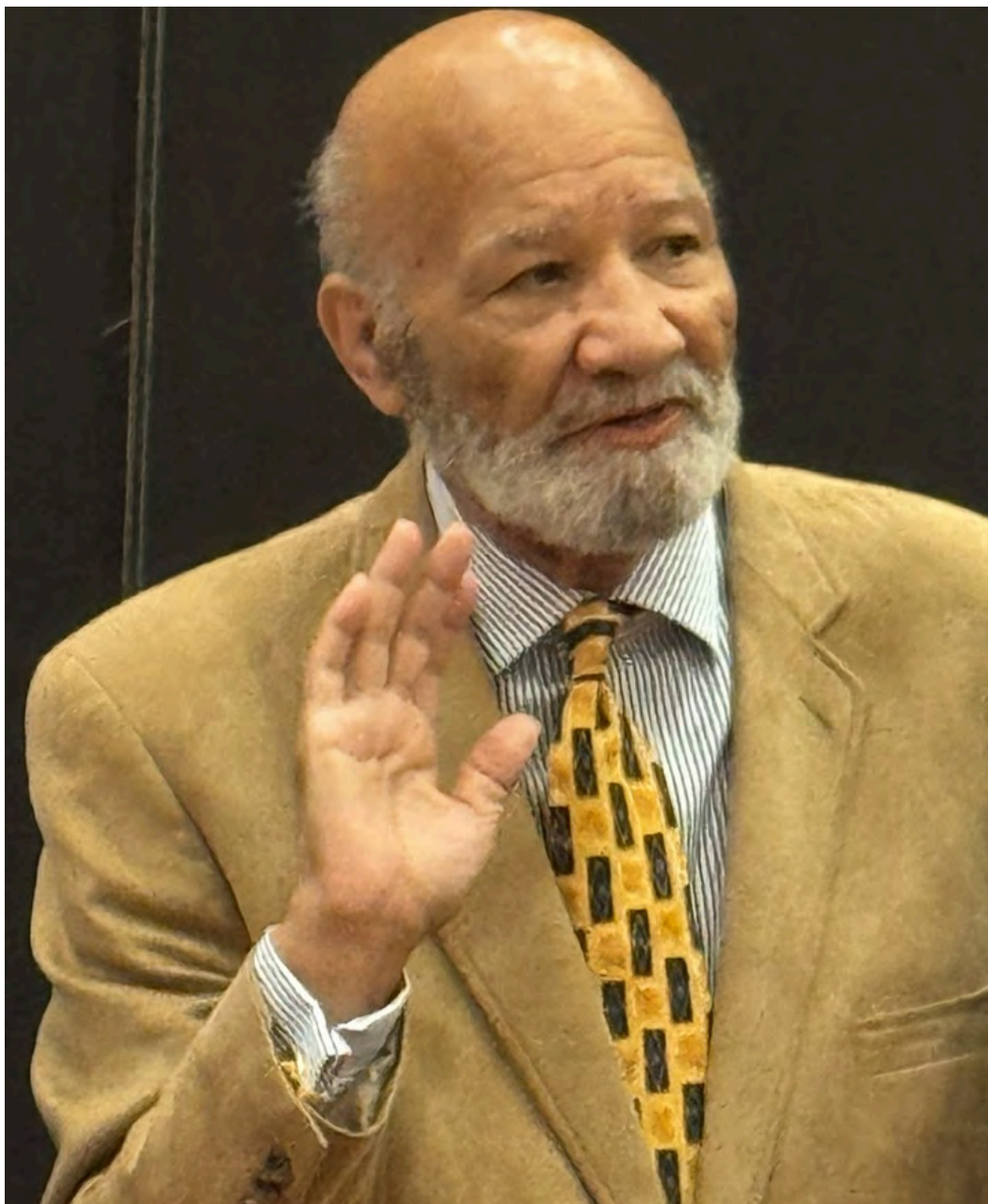
Political Action

**Tom Roberts, 2nd Vice President and Political Action Chair,
Convenes Community Organizations to Address Key Civil Rights Issues**



Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention

The Honorable Tom Roberts, 2nd Vice President of the Dayton Branch NAACP,
Takes the Oath of Office for His 5th Term as President of the Ohio Conference NAACP



Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention

**The Honorable Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Branch NAACP,
Takes the Oath of Office for His 9th Term as Vice President of the Ohio Conference NAACP**



Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention

President Roberts, Vice President Foward, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, NAACP National Board Member and Other Elected Officers Celebrate Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention

Dayton Branch NAACP Delegates Caucus,
Attend Workshop and Labor Dinner



Ohio Conference NAACP 95th State Convention

Dayton Branch NAACP Youth & College Division Members Attend Workshops and Receive Education on Civil Rights



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Dayton Branch NAACP Delegates Exercising Leadership During State Convention



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Upcoming Events

September 15, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

September 22, 2025

General Membership Meeting
& Political Committee Presentation

September 29, 2025

General Membership Meeting
& Political Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

Black Americans have long played a vital role in the labor movements that gave rise to the modern celebration of Labor Day. From the skilled and unskilled workers who built railroads and industries after emancipation to leaders who organized unions and fought for fair wages and safer conditions, Black labor has been central to the country's economic growth.

Fully Committed!

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