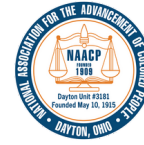


DAYTON BRANCH NAACP #3181

# The Dayton Branch

# Chronicle



**NAACP**  
Dayton Branch



## 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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## Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

The Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has long served as a powerful advocate for educational equity and civic participation in the Dayton community. The emphasis on education is deeply rooted in the history of the Dayton Branch NAACP. In the very first year of operation in 1915, our organization raised \$96 to further educational outcomes for Black students, a significant achievement at the time that demonstrated an early and enduring commitment to educational advancement. This foundational effort set the tone for decades of advocacy focused on fairness, access, and opportunity within Dayton’s school system.

On April 17, 1972, the Dayton Branch NAACP filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Columbus on behalf of families in the district. On September 2, 1976, School opened with school pairing and busing for racial desegregation. The Dayton desegregation plan was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1979 by a single vote, 5-4. Today, the Dayton Branch NAACP remains actively engaged in addressing educational challenges facing the community. In response to current busing issues within Dayton Public Schools, the organization organized four Busing Our Students Stakeholder Collaboration Meetings.

These meetings brought together district leaders, educators, legislators, community leaders, RTA representatives, University of Dayton officials and the DECA Superintendent, to address concerns, assess existing challenges, and work collaboratively toward solutions that prioritize student safety, business growth and equity.

This commitment was clearly demonstrated in the month of September, when the Dayton Branch NAACP hosted two important candidate forums aimed at informing voters and advancing dialogue on issues that directly affect local residents, particularly African American families. The first forum focused on candidates for the Dayton Public Schools Board. Education has always been a central concern of the Dayton Branch NAACP, and this forum provided an opportunity for community members to hear directly from those seeking to shape the future of Dayton’s public schools. Candidates discussed their positions on academic achievement, equity, student resources, and the challenges facing Dayton Public Schools. By hosting this forum, the Dayton Branch NAACP reinforced its mission to ensure that educational leadership remains accountable to the needs of all students, especially those from historically marginalized communities.

The second forum brought together candidates for Dayton Mayor and City Commissioner. This forum highlighted the important connection between city leadership and educational outcomes. Issues such as public safety, economic development, housing, transportation, and city funding all intersect with the success of public schools and the well-being of students. By providing a space for open discussion and civic engagement, the Dayton Branch NAACP empowered voters with the information needed to make informed decisions at the ballot box.

Through its candidate forums, historical advocacy, and present-day collaboration efforts, the Dayton Branch NAACP continues to demonstrate that education is not merely a policy issue, but a cornerstone of civil rights and community empowerment. By fostering informed civic participation and advocating for equitable educational systems, the Dayton Branch NAACP remains steadfast in its mission to create a more just and equitable future for Dayton’s students.

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 6.21% vs previous year.



Jenifer Moore  
Silver Life Member

**TAKE A STAND**  
FOR EQUALITY  
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS  
Join the oldest and boldest and baddest civil rights organization in the nation.  
**Join the NAACP**

### Subscribing Silver Life Members

Amy Acton	Pamela O. Baker	Tracy Fisher Singletary
Adrian Baker	Max Singletary II	



Dinah M. Williams  
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Mozelle Garcia  
Silver Life Member

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## Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown  
Investigator



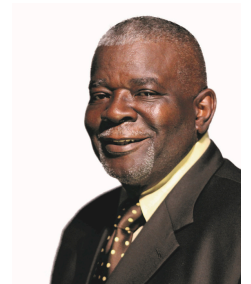
Chris R. Cortner  
Investigator



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 11 complaints of discrimination, down 26.67% vs previous year MTD.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 45.45%
- Abuse/Neglect - 9.09%
- Housing - 9.09%
- Immigration - 9.09%
- Unreasonable Search - 9.09%

## How To Deal With Abuse / Neglect

### *If You Are in Immediate Danger*

- Call 911 or your local emergency number right away.
- If you can't speak safely, try to get to a public place or signal for help.

### *Steps to Respond to Abuse and Neglect*

- Acknowledge What's Happening
- Prioritize Your Safety
- Document Everything
- Tell Someone You Trust
- Seek Professional and Legal Support
- Set Boundaries When Safe
- Focus on Healing

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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## Political Action



**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

Inform, Educate, Empower

**VOTE**

**NOW IS THE TIME!**



**Tom Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Chair, Political Action**, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“Meet the DPS School Board Candidates.”* This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on September 22, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were *Ann Marie Gallin, Jamica Garrison, Chrisondra Goodwine, Virgil Goodwine II, Ken Hayes, Joe Lacey, and Jocelyn Rhynard.*

Educated over 1,486 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.

### HIGH STAKES CANDIDATE FORUMS

- Dayton School Board Debate  
Grace United Methodist Church  
September 22, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.
- Dayton Mayoral and City Commission Debate  
Dayton Main Library - Downtown  
September 29, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.



TUESDAY  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

We “Do Not Endorse” candidates, however, as an issue-driven organization, we reserve the right to inform the public if a candidate does not support the positions we advocate!

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**Dr. Derrick L. Foward**  
President

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## Political Action



**Tom Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Chair, Political Action**, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“Meet the Dayton Mayoral and Commission Candidates.”* This monthly community meeting was held at Dayton Metro Library Downtown on September 29, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were ***Commissioner Darryl Fairchild, Jacob Davis, Karen Wick, Darius Beckham, Commissioner Shenise Turner-Sloss and Mayor Jeff Mims.***

Educated over 4,402 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.



## **Lady Tiwona Foward Visits Silver Life Member Iola Hayes-Harris at Rehabilitation Center**



## Supporting Partner Organizations

Met with Wright-Patt Credit Union Representatives, Ivy Glover and Randi Salyer-Frazier, along with 3rd VP Willie Terrell, to Discuss Funding and Partnership Opportunities



President Foward and Lady Tiwona  
Participate in Twentig, Inc. Denim and Diamonds Event



## Supporting Partner Organizations

Participated in a Meeting with a Representative of the Cincinnati Reds, along with representatives from First Dayton Little League to Discuss Partnership Opportunities



### Miami Valley school board candidates make their case at NAACP-hosted forum in Dayton

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### Dayton NAACP leaders recognized at national conference



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Upcoming Events

October 5, 2025

Voter Registration Deadline for November 3 General Election

October 19, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

October 23, 2025

75th Dayton NAACP Hall of Freedom Awards

October 26, 2025

General Membership Meeting to Include Nominating Committee Report, Nominations from the Floor, Speeches In Support of Candidates & Election of the Election Supervisory Committee Followed by Young Adult Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

The month of October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it is a time for reflection, support, and action. Through advocacy, education, and research, we aim to foster a world where early detection and effective treatments save lives. Let us honor the journey of every person touched by breast cancer, continue to raise awareness, and work toward a future where this disease no longer takes lives.

Fully Committed!

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