

DAYTON BRANCH NAACP #3181

# The Dayton Branch

# Chronicle



**NAACP**  
Dayton Branch



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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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**President**  
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ACT-SO

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Young Adult

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GOTV

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International Affairs

*Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.*  
Education

*Traci Martin*  
Housing



**Administrative Leadership**

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Secretary

Dinah M. Williams  
Assistant Secretary

**Financial Leadership**

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Treasurer

Harvey C. Bolden  
Assistant Treasurer

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President, Dayton Youth Council

A'Mariyana Bennett-Crowder  
President, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall

Lloyd M. Martin  
President, LJYC

Pamela D. Sloan  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

Valerie R. Hayes  
Co-Advisor, Littlejohn Junior YC

**Executive Committee**

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Lu Dale

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Sergeant-at-Arms

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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,

As the holiday season approached and the spirit of Christmas filled our community with reflection and gratitude, I had the privilege of gathering with the Officers of the Dayton Branch NAACP for a special dinner meeting. Together, we took time to reflect on our work and achievements throughout 2025, celebrating the dedication and commitment that strengthened our mission. The evening was filled with thoughtful conversation, appreciation for one another, and renewed inspiration as we look forward with great anticipation to an even more impactful and fantastic year in 2026.

In preparation for the year ahead, I also met with Mycah Pollard, Chair of Communications, Press, Publicity & Technology. Our discussion centered on expectations, roles, and responsibilities as we continue to strengthen how we communicate our work and amplify the voice of the Dayton Branch NAACP throughout the community. With the promise of a new year on the horizon, we are committed to ensuring that our message of advocacy, unity, and progress reaches even further.

The season also reminded us of the importance of service and generosity. In that spirit, we organized a team to participate in the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Charity Night. This opportunity allowed us to support charitable efforts while building meaningful partnerships and demonstrating the Dayton Branch NAACP's continued commitment to uplifting our community.

Throughout the season, I was honored to participate in several community events that celebrated culture, tradition, and unity. I attended the Legacy of Elegance Fashion Show, a beautiful event that highlighted creativity, community pride, and empowerment. I also had the pleasure of attending the Trotwood Old Timers Christmas Celebration, where the joy of the holiday season brought together generations of community members to celebrate fellowship and cherished memories.

The spirit of celebration continued at the NCNW Purple Soirée Christmas Celebration, a wonderful gathering that reflected the strength and elegance of women working together to uplift our communities. In addition, I attended the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Peppermint Ball, a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, service-minded leadership, and community engagement.

As the year draws to a close, I am especially humbled and honored to have received the Who's Who in Black Dayton/Cincinnati Most Influential Award. This recognition is not mine alone—it reflects the dedication, support, and collective efforts of our entire team. Each of you has played a role in helping our unit shine brightly throughout the year.

During this Christmas season, I am reminded that the true gift of our work lies in the people we serve and the community we continue to build together. Thank you all for your commitment, your passion, and your unwavering support. As we celebrate the holidays and prepare to welcome the new year, may we carry forward the spirit of hope, unity, and service into 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward



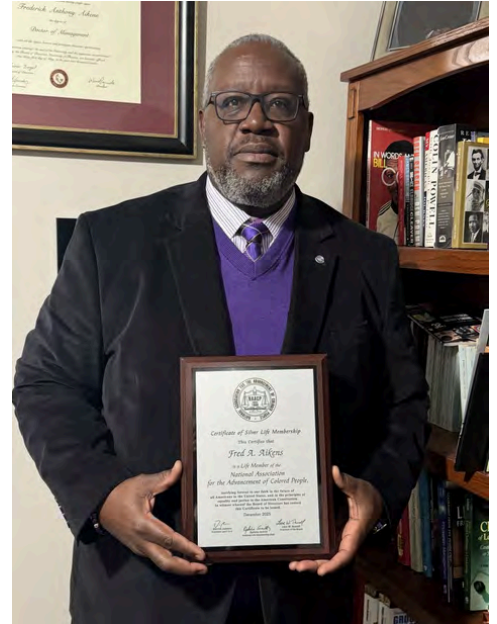
**Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President**  
*"Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!"*  
*"Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!"*

***"Move Forward With Foward"***

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## Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 5.89% vs previous year.



**Fred Aikens**  
Silver Life Member

### Subscribing Silver Life Members

Felicia Bell	Johnnie Howell	Anthony Massoud	Edwina Swann
Joyce Chase	Edwin Johnson	Lelia Massoud	Erica Tillman
Deborah Foward	Joy Johnson	Rhonda Murray	Robin Titus
Fred D. Harris	Sharon Johnson	Monica Smoot	Jerome Wright



Dinah M. Williams  
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee

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



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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 8 complaints of discrimination, down 46.67% vs previous year MTD.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 37.50%
- Children Services - 11.11%
- Education - 11.11%
- Employment - 11.11%
- Housing - 11.11%

### Discrimination In Child Welfare Services

Individuals eligible for, receiving services from or benefiting from programs funded by or through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) are protected by various laws, regulations, rules, and policies against unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, political affiliation (food stamps only), age, sex, citizenship/participant status (WIOA Programs only) and national origin.

If you believe that you have been denied or delayed services for which you are eligible because of your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, political affiliation (food stamps only), disability or age, you must file your complaint within six months of the date on which the incident or treatment happened.

You may call the Bureau of Civil Rights to submit your complaint, or you may submit your complaint in writing. If the complaint is submitted by telephone you can call (614) 644-2703 or Toll Free 1-866-227-6353.

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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## Annual Meeting

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**NAACP Dayton Branch NAACP**  
 Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
 1001 Harvard Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45406

110 Years  
 1909-2019

**Monday, December 15, 2025**  
 Dayton Branch NAACP 2025 Annual Meeting and Christmas Celebration  
 Moderator: Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President

**Standing Committees Achievements**

Afro-American Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), Cedric L. McGhee  
 Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, Terrence Williams, SMSgt USAF (Retired)  
 Arts Committee, Elijah Rashford  
 Central State University College Chapter, Jayaa Hodge  
 Communications, Press and Publicity, Mychal A. Pollard  
 Community Coordination & Vice President, Mattie P. White  
 Criminal Justice, Rev. Dr. David I. Fox  
 Dayton Youth Council, Zora C. Boddie  
 Environmental & Climate Justice, Gary J. Leppia, Esq.  
 Economic Development, Ronald Winters  
 Education & Assistant Secretary, Gerry E. Griffith, Sr.  
 Finance & Treasurer, Jo A. Lovelace Hill  
 Freedom Fund, Dr. Derrick L. Foward  
 Get Out to Vote (GOTV), David L. Montgomery  
 Health, Dr. Morris L. Brown  
 Housing, Trael Martin  
 International Affairs, Ayo O. Ogunyale  
 Labor and Industry, David K. Green, Sr.  
 Legal Redress, Gary J. Leppia, Esq.  
 Littlejohn Junior Youth Council, Lloyd M. Martin  
 Membership and Life Membership, Dinah M. Williams  
 Move Forward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter, Marysina Bennett-Crowder  
 Political Action & 2nd Vice President, Tom Roberts  
 Prison Branch, Scott E. Barwick  
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 Scholarship & 3rd Vice President, Willie A. Terrell, Jr.  
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 Young Adult, Graham N. Curry

2025 Reports

Happy Holidays from Dayton Branch Executive Committee

Dinner Provided by Outback Steakhouse Immediately Following Business Meeting

**Upcoming Meetings and Events...**

Thursday, January 1, 2026 Happy New Year!!!	57th NAACP Image Awards Saturday, February 28, 2026 8ET, 8-10 pm	Tuesday, January 20, 2026 Dayton Branch NAACP Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King March/Balloons/Prasaram		Monday, January 26, 2026 General Membership & Community Meeting

Mychal A. Pollard, Chair, Communications, Press, Publicity & Technology

**Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President and NAACP Image Award-winning Activist**, moderated the Annual Meeting. This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on December 15, 2025.

The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting is for each officer and committee chair to present reports to our stakeholders, ensuring they are informed and educated about the work accomplished throughout 2025. By sharing these updates, stakeholders are empowered to effectively communicate our achievements within their networks and communities.

Panelists included the President, Vice Presidents, Standing Committee Chairs, and leaders from the Youth and College Division.

More than 1,234 community members were educated and engaged through this town hall, both in person and online.



## Executive Leadership Award Recipients



### Scholarship Recipient



### Stellar Attendance Award Recipients





### Award Recipients



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## Youth & College Division

DYC President Zora C. Boddie

Graduates from Wright State University



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## Office Volunteer Holiday Luncheon



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Dayton Alumnae Chapter Peppermint Ball**



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National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) Dayton Section  
Purple Soiree Holiday Gala



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# Enjoying the Festive Holiday Season





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**President Dr. Derrick L. Foward  
Receives Recognition as  
Who's Who in Black Dayton/Cincinnati  
(Most Influential)**

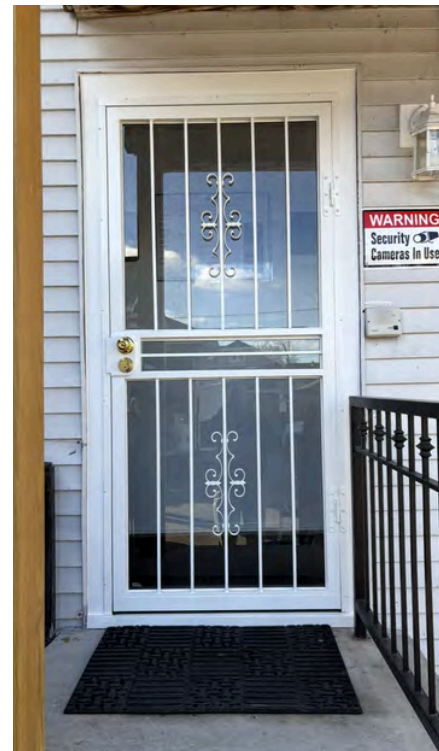


# NAACP Dayton Headquarters

## Capital Improvement Projects New Marquee Sign



## New Security Screen Doors



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## Upcoming Events

January 19, 2026

MLK Breakfast / March / Rally / Banquet

January 20, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting

January 26, 2026

General Membership Meeting

& Communications, Press, Publicity & Technology Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona

As we welcome a new year, we celebrate the progress we've made together and renew our commitment to justice, equality, and opportunity for all. The promise of civil rights reminds us that every voice matters and every community deserves dignity, fairness, and freedom. May this year bring hope, courage, and unity as we continue working side by side to build a future where liberty and justice truly belong to everyone. *Happy New Year!*

## Now Is The Time!

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