

**March 2009**

Thank you for your participation in the NAACP Executive Leadership Training Sessions held in Macon, Atlanta, and Fort Stewart. I have heard nothing but good things about the wealth and depth of information shared by the presenters. Thank you for making those comments possible and for making this year's training season one of the best yet. We are appreciative of the hard work of the *Macon-Bibb County Branch*, the *Atlanta Branch* and the *Liberty County Branch* for hosting us!



#### **State Quarterly Meeting & Black History Parade**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Georgia State Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2009**, at Calvary Baptist Church located at 184 Academy Street, Madison, GA 30650. The meeting will begin promptly at **9:00 a.m.** All units are strongly encouraged to have representation at this important meeting. **Please review the enclosed information.**

#### **2009 State Conference Elections**

This communiqué is to properly inform you that the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP shall hold it's a biennial election on Saturday, October 10, 2009. For the purpose of running for office, a member in good standing is one whose name appears on the roll of a Unit in good standing within the State/State Area Conference no later than **December 15, 2008**. Consent forms were sent in a previous mailing and must be completed and returned to the State Conference Office by certified mail by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Executive Leadership Training**

As you know, the NAACP National Board of Directors convened its Annual Meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York, New York on February 19-21, 2009, and at this meeting several important decisions was made regarding the successful management of the Association and its units.

With that in mind, the National Board of Directors voted to extend the deadline for branch officers and executive committee members to receive Executive Leadership Training until **April 30, 2009**. This provides an opportunity for those leaders who were not able to participate in the previous training sessions to receive this mandatory training.

Therefore, the Georgia State Conference Office has planned its **final training session** for **Saturday, April 25, 2009**, in Warner Robins, Georgia.

**April 25, 2009**  
**Warner Robins CME Church**  
**200 Othal H. Lakey Drive**  
**Warner Robins, Georgia 31088**

Those individuals who have completed Executive Leadership Training within the last (4) years will only need (4) hours of continuing education and those newly elected officers and executive committee members who have not previously participated in training must complete the entire (8) training session. However, we urge all participants to participate in the entire session.

The session will begin with registration/check-in at 7:30 a.m. with the actual training session beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please note that the (4) hour training session will be conducted during the morning portion, so please plan accordingly.

Also, please be mindful that this is the last training session before the removal process begins. Therefore, it is imperative that individuals, who have not completed training, register and participate in order to remain in office. For your convenience, I have attached the revised registration form and ask that you fax the completed forms to our office as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Please note that there is a cost associated with this extensive training. However, the cost will include Registration Materials, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Refreshments. The cost for the 2009 Executive Leadership Training Session is **\$25.00 per person**.

**Please note that you must pre-register in advance to ensure that you will have a seat in the desired training session of your choice.**

### **2008 Year-End Financial Reports**



Annual report of NAACP Unit financial activities provides information needed by the National Office for completion of the Federal group tax return on behalf of all NAACP Units. Failure to submit a year-end financial report will result in the NAACP Unit being omitted from the Group Tax Return.

All year-end financial reports must be remitted to the Finance Department of the National Office by **March 1, 2009**. Please visit the official website at [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) to obtain a copy of this form.

### **Updated Officer Reports Forms**

You should have received an Officer Update Form in a **previous mailing** from the State Conference Office and also via email. However, there are still several units who have not completed and returned the updated officer report form outlining contact information for new officers and executive committee members. This information is needed **now** in order to maintain contact with each unit in regards to updated information regarding the Association. So, please forward completed updated officers report forms to the State Conference Office immediately to ensure that you continue to receive mail from our office.

## **2009 Assessments**

All Branches will receive a letter stating the amount of the assessments that are due! Remember, all assessments are due 60 days prior to the Annual State Convention.

## **Special Event Insurance**

Please be mindful that you must secure special event insurance for any events that may be sponsored by your unit. This includes banquets, outings, special events, etc.

Additionally, units must receive permission from the President/CEO and the General Counsel before engaging in marches, rallies, etc. For more information, please contact the State Conference Office to obtain a copy of the application and procedures.

## **NAACP Celebrates 100 years with the Atlanta Hawks**

The NAACP Georgia State Conference has partnered with the Atlanta Hawks in celebration of our 100 years of Advocacy Work. Therefore, on Saturday Evening, April 4, 2009, we are asking all NAACP Members to attend the *Atlanta Hawks vs. Orlando Magic's* game. We will be conducting a voter registration drive and soliciting memberships into the Association. The cost of tickets is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for Youth & College members.

Please review the enclosed flyer and contact the State Conference Office with questions or for additional information.

## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Centennial Awards GALA – June 27, 2009**

All units (both branches and youth units) are asked to support this event by purchasing a table, tickets and/or ads. Your support is critical to the overall success of this important event in an effort to generate funds to maintain the programs of the State Conference and the work of the NAACP throughout the state.

*Specific information regarding this event will be sent in a separate mailing.*

## **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia State Convention**

The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Georgia State Convention and Civil Rights Conference will be held October 7-11, 2009, at the Warner Robins CME Church located at 200 Othal H. Lakey Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia. This year's convention is hosted by the Houston County Branch and Youth Council.

*More information is forthcoming!*

## **A Message from State Membership Chair – Ms. Cartese Dillard**

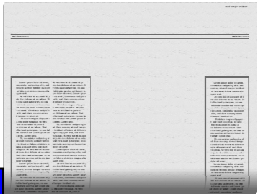
Please let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Cartese Dillard and serve as the Membership Chair for the Georgia State Conference.

As Membership Chair, I'm here to assist each of you in your awesome roles as membership chairs and co-chairs in your efforts to recruit members in your perspective communities.

I look forward to working with each of you and wish you much success in your endeavors to exceed our membership goals for the state of Georgia.

Should you need assistance, please feel free to reach me by calling (478) 477-2965 or via email at [Dillard.Cartese@mccg.org](mailto:Dillard.Cartese@mccg.org).

# STEP UP!



## YOUTH IN ACTION!

### Youth and College Training and Networking Session

Hopefully by now you have received one of the emails sent regarding the Youth Leadership Training and Networking Session. If not, I am writing to tell you about this opportunity for youth units in Georgia coming up in April 2009. The Georgia Youth and College Division has partnered with the Georgia State Conference Office to host the NAACP Youth Leadership Training and Networking Session on the campus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on April 3-4, 2009.

Additional information regarding the training and networking session is enclosed in this mailing!

### Membership

We are in receipt of the latest membership report from the National Membership Department and memberships in Georgia are at an all time low. Therefore, we are asking all units to conduct massive membership drives at churches, schools, and in local communities in an effort to increase the overall membership status of the Association.

Units with memberships below the required twenty-five (25) will be sent a letter under separate cover that will provide supplemental materials that can be used to increase memberships.

Remember, ***“Membership Is the Lifblood of the Association.”***

### State Assessments

Many units still owe past due assessment for 2008 and previous years. Please note that assessments have to be paid whether you attend the convention or not. These funds are needed to manage the day to day operations of the State Youth and College Division. For those units who have not paid, please forward your assessments immediately to the State Conference Office. Units who owe past due assessments will receive under separate cover an invoice outlining the amount that is due.



# Important Dates To Remember!

## March 2009

- 1**     **Deadline to file 2008 Year-End Financial Report**
  
- 28**    **NAACP State Executive Committee Meeting**  
Outreach Mission Church of God  
Macon, Georgia  
10:00 a.m.

## April 2009

- 4**     **NAACP Youth and College Division Training & Networking Session**  
Morehouse College  
Atlanta, Georgia
  
- 4**     **NAACP Celebrates 100 years with the Atlanta Hawks**  
Atlanta *Hawks* vs. Orlando *Magic's* Game  
7:00 p.m.
  
- 18**    **NAACP State Quarterly Meeting/Black History Parade**  
Madison, Georgia
  
- 25**    **NAACP Executive Leadership Training Session**  
Warner Robins CME Church  
Warner Robins, Georgia  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## May 2009

- 1**     **Deadline for submission of resolutions to the National Office**
  
- 21-24** **NAACP Leadership 500 Summit**  
Scottsdale, Arizona
  
- NAACP National Board of Directors Meeting**

## June 2009

- 15**    **Deadline to submit petitions for State Conference Elections**
  
- 27**    **NAACP Centennial GALA**

## July 2009

- 11-17** **100<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP National Convention**  
Javits Convention Center  
New York, New York
  
- 25**    **NAACP State Quarterly Meeting**

**September 2009**

26 NAACP State Executive Committee Meeting

**October 2009**

7-11 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia State Convention & Civil Rights Conference  
Warner Robins CME Church  
Warner Robins, Georgia

**November 2009**

14 1<sup>st</sup> Annual NAACP State Veterans Affairs Ball  
Fort Stewart, Georgia



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