

NUSA Select HAC, 1st Place Winner, National Neighborhood Newsletter Competition

The Hilltop Action Coalition (HAC) was chosen as 1st Place Winner for “**The Hilltop Action Journal**” newsletter in the category for the Neighborhood Newsletter Competition, Non-Profit Organizations – Print Format, at the 43rd Annual Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference of Neighborhood Concerns held in Birmingham, AL., May 23-25.

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is one of the largest grassroots neighborhood organizations with over 800 active members from throughout the USA and abroad. It provides opportunities for neighborhood activities, practitioners, elected officials, educators, professionals, and community minded individuals and organizations come together to discuss, networking and sharing new and innovative ideas, best practices, civic engagement, neighborhood improvements, and leadership training and capacity building.

Elton Gatewood of Tacoma is representing NUSA. He is the senior member of the organization, current board member, and served as the National Past President on numerous occasions.

The Hilltop Action Journal began in 2016, with its official publication in March 2017. It currently publishes and distributes four times per year. 5,000 copies are printed every other month, and is distributed by over 60 local retail sites, with 2,000 copies reserved and sent home by elementary and middle school students.

The entire community is engaged. All articles are written by Hilltop and Tacoma residents, and the publication distribution is 100% volunteer driven. The Journal publishes many articles, of interest, about local events; housing, economic development, businesses, education, employment, and youth, just to mention a few.

Partnerships are also established with local businesses, institutions, faith community, schools and non-profit organizations in the Hilltop.

The Journal also published over 40 writing submissions from local 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. In collaboration with Write 253, a local non-profit, and the Tacoma Housing Authority. Four of the applicants were invited to read their writings at the Inaugural Luncheon in May (2017).

Thank you for your good work and commitment to the Hilltop and the City of Tacoma.

Congratulations on your award.

Mayor Victoria Woodards