

*Happy
Holidays*

NAACP Baltimore County Newsletter



It has been a year full of challenges as we've rallied and fought on issues affecting Baltimore County. We have also triumphed and celebrated those that have been recognized for making a difference in the community.

In the spirit of this season, we want to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

Dr. Danita Tolson



KORRYN GAINES RALLY

We would like to thank everyone who attended the two rallies held for Korryn Gaines on June 30, 21 and August 02, 2021.



Maryland State Attorney,
Marilyn Mosby

Attorney, J. Wyndal Gordon
and Dr. Danita Tolson



KORRYN GAINES RALLY



Rev. Al Sharpton

However the fight to get justice for Korryn's son, Kodi Gaines and her family continues.



We thank Cliff Collins for providing the pictures for both rallies.

FREEDOM FUND EVENT UPDATE

The Freedom Fund Virtual Ceremony was held on Sunday October 10th. The event was an ultimate success.

The theme was "Always in Good Trouble."

The Keynote Speaker was J. Wyndal Gordon,
Attorney in the Korryn Gaines case.

During this festive occasion, we presented several awards to community members making an impact in their community.

The award winners are:

Education

Dr. Darryl Williams

Community Service:

Sanaa Jones
Lakeia Newkirk

Trailblazer:

Reuben Amaya
J. Wyndal Gordon

Keeper of the Flame:

Larry Bannerman
Kenneth Brown

We thank the awardees for their exceptional contributions to the community and may you continue to strive in your endeavors to empower your community.

COMMUNITY SPONSORS

We would like to thank AFT Maryland for being our sponsor that supported our Freedom Fund Awards Ceremony this year. We could not have done it without you.



md.aft.org

 /AFTMaryland

 @AFT_Maryland

AFT-Maryland
5800 Metro Drive, Ste 100
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 764-3030

AFT-Maryland

and its affiliated state and municipal
public employee unions, including

*the Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees
&*

the Baltimore County Federation of Public Health Nurses

are proud of our continued community impact
across Baltimore County.

md.aft.org



Kenya Campbell, President

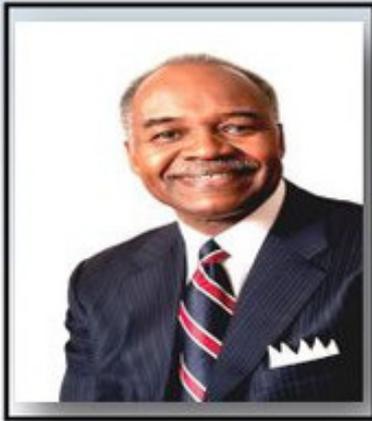


COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Thank you Delegate Benjamin Brooks for sponsoring our Freedom Fund event. We greatly appreciate your continued support and commitment to our mission.

DELEGATE BENJAMIN BROOKS

The Maryland House of Delegates
10th Legislative District, Baltimore County



**Offers sincerest congratulations to the recipients of the
2021
Baltimore County Branch NAACP
Freedom Fund Award**

**Dr. Darryl Williams, Superintendent BCPS
Lekia Newkirk, Community Activist
Sonaa Jones, Community Activist
Larry Bannerman, Community Activist
Ruben Amaya, former school board student member
J. Wyndal Gordon, Esquire
Kenneth Brown, publisher of The Northwest Voice**

WHITE HOUSE RECOGNITION

The NAACP Baltimore County Branch in partnership with the Black Women for Positive Change received a letter from President Biden in August recognizing our efforts for the successful Covid-19 Vaccine clinic we held in May. Read President Biden's letter below. I want to acknowledge President Danita Tolson and Ms. Danyell Smith Chair, Black Women for Positive Change for the impact they've made in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic in Baltimore County that has resonated to the highest office in our nation's capital!



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 23, 2021

Black Women for Positive Change Baltimore and Baltimore County
NAACP
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your contributions during our Month of Action to get our friends, neighbors, and loved ones vaccinated and protected against the deadly coronavirus. Together, we are making progress in our collective fight against COVID-19 and getting our Nation back on track—but there is still a lot work ahead of us.

This past year has been one of the most painful years in American history. With more than 628,000 American lives lost due to COVID-19, helping get more people vaccinated is among the most important things any of us can do right now. We need your continued support more than ever. Your efforts are not just saving lives—they are helping us get our lives back. United as one Nation, we can get through this pandemic and usher in a healthier and more hopeful future.

Keep the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden", with a long diagonal line extending from the top left of the signature.

ANALYTICAL CURRICULUM VS CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Author: Roland N. Patterson, Jr. Analyst

This memorandum is to recommend that an, "Analytical Imperative," be super-imposed upon all United States Public Schools Coursework. In turn, School Systems should discard inflammatory labels such as "Critical Race Theory." The goal of The Analytical Imperative would be the pursuit of either the highest truth, in The Arts; or, the most ethical and moral means in The Sciences. A brief explanation follows below.

In the interest of brevity, Race as a concept of ethnicity was created in 1785 by Christopher Meiners. Meiners was then a scholar at The University of Gottingen in Gottingen, Germany. Meiners divided the known peoples of the world into three Races: Caucasoid, Mongoloid, and Negroid. Regardless of Professor Meiners' intent, Colonial-Imperialists soon used these strata to support slavery and other imperial oppressions.

Meiner was a polygenist. He believed that "The Three Races," were created independently at different places. There is no known authority for this premise. Of course, racial superiority is based upon polygenism. The weight of historical authority appears to uphold the opposing theory of monogenism. Monogenism holds that mankind is one species; that mankind was created at once; and that mankind took on different physical features due to variant atmospherics across the hemispheres of the world.

If monogeny is true, then, there is no Race, as a matter of science. Hence, there should be no Critical Race Theory taught in American Schools. That theory may seek justice. But it is built upon a false premise.

ANALYTICAL CURRICULUM VS CRITICAL RACE THEORY

A better foundation is The Analytical Imperative set forth above. Here we can teach students that the love of profit is the root of oppression. There is no real racial basis for this ultimate greed-lust. Hence, members of Meiners' own Caucasoid Race sent other Caucasians to fight wars, by way of The Draft, over the course of American History.

In New York City, early Irish immigrants were relegated to police department jobs. Early Italian immigrants were sharecroppers in large numbers. In practice, the superior ethnicity was a nation and not a Race. Known as WASPS, White Anglo-Saxon Protestants represented The British Empire (TBE.) As recently as last week the decline of TBE was in the news as Barbados is expected to declare independence from The British Crown in 2022. The list of countries which have been a part of TBE spans all of the divisions created by Christopher Meiners. It is clear that Great Britain never segregated profit-sources, along the lines of Race. Consider Australia, Afghanistan and, Iran.

In closing, the ultimate question is what will today's students say of their education upon reaching maturity. Aside from the inflammatory nature of the label, Critical Race Theory, is it the best means to the truth? For all of the reasons set forth above, this author opts for The Analytical Imperative. What is the conduct of those in power, without regard to their Race?

OPEN STATEMENT ON REDISTRICTING

Frederick Douglass once said, "There is no negro problem. The problem is whether The American People have enough loyalty, enough honor, and, enough patriotism to live up to their own constitution." Today, the issue is whether elected politicians have enough honor, loyalty and patriotism to live up to The Constitution they swore to obey. In 1870, The 15th Amendment was enacted, guaranteeing African- Americans the right to vote. For 151 years following The 15th Amendment, State and Local politicians have taken actions, sometimes violent, to deprive minority voters of their constitutional right to vote.

Ninety-five years after The 15th Amendment came the first federal statute designed to enforce the 15th Amendment. Known as The Voting Rights Act (VRA), this new law went beyond the mere reaffirmation of The Right To Vote for minorities. The VRA went forward to reject practices and policies which disenfranchised minorities through clandestine devices.

Still, in the wake of the first elections of minorities as the President and Vice-President of The United States of America, State and Local Governments have revived the backlash seen between Reconstruction and 1965. Specifically, these governments are adopting redistricting plans which limit minority influence in violation of The VRA. This dynamic is evident now in Baltimore County, Maryland.

In the context of The Post-2020 Census Redistricting Plans, The Baltimore County NAACP and The ACLU submitted their own joint, proposed plan.

OPEN STATEMENT ON REDISTRICTING (cont)

This proposal offered The County the opportunity to expand the number of minority-majority County Voting Districts from one to two. This expansion is justified by the growing minority population in Baltimore County in 2021. Moreover, such a plan is required by The VRA when justified by existing population.

Still, The Baltimore County Redistricting Commission and The County Council enacted a different plan. The enacted plan “packs,” minority voters into one super-majority district. It then goes on to, “dilute,” the minority vote in the other current six councilmanic districts. In the face of apparent resistance, The NAACP-ACLU Alliance presented three additional proposals to The County Council without positive results. The Randallstown, Super-Majority District was created in 2001. The 20- year Interim has produced increased minority County-presence. Hence, this effort for proportionate Redistricting must be maintained. It is required by The VRA.

In closing, Former Congressman Newt Gingrich was once called his party, The Party Of Ideas! The spirit of this statement seems to be that the best ideas will combine with talent to win elections without regard to Race. The 89th Congress apparently shared this view when it passed The VRA.. We now offer this same chance to record a righteous constitutional advance, to The Baltimore County Council.

Hence, we encourage our members to participate in the upcoming redistricting sessions scheduled for December. Please see the next page for dates and additional information.

REDISTRICTING SESSION DATES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Work Session - 4 p.m.

The Work Session can be joined by the public online here or by phone at +1-415-655-0001 US Toll - Event number (access code): TBD

The public is invited to provide testimony at the Work Session. Anyone wishing to testify shall register in advance using our online Speaker Registration Form (Registration Form will be available on the day of the Work Session). For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/virtualmeetings.html>

Monday, December 20, 2021

Legislative Session - 6 p.m.

The Legislative Session can be joined by the public online here or by phone at +1-415-655-0001 US Toll - Event number (access code): TBD

The public is invited to provide testimony at the Legislative Session. Anyone wishing to testify shall register in advance using our online Speaker Registration Form (Registration Form will be available on the day of the Legislative Session).

Persons who do not wish to speak at the Legislative Session but want to convey their thoughts are encouraged to provide written testimony or comment by email or traditional mail. Please send all emails to:
countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Go to the website for details and for the access code when it is posted:
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/virtualmeetings.html>

LITERARY ARTS CORNER

"Stress Test"

I was anxious about the appointment, hospitals are difficult places now, but per my cardiologist's orders I'm waiting for a stress test.

My name is called, down the hall to an exam room, behind the screens so ubiquitous in hospitals- my treadmill. He's very at ease, laughing, told me I didn't look 70, hooked me up, stepped me onto the treadmill, it started.

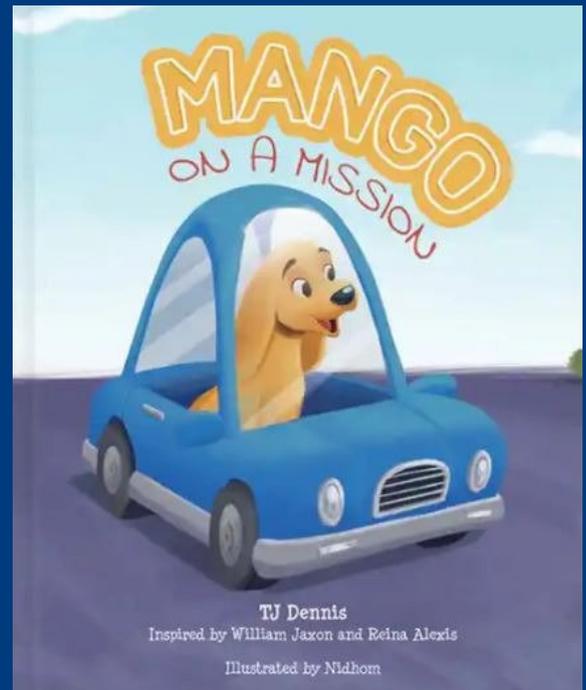
I read the collage of cartoons on the wall in front of me, jokes about stress. "You can stop this anytime you want. There's a mark we'd like you to make, it gets harder, but if you wanna stop it, say stop." Talking all the while he monitors the equipment, me, and the conversation. His wife's a teacher, teaching at home, now at school.

Covid. We talked about vaccinations, masks, we talked about roofs that needed fixing at my house, about art, my wife teaches art, all this.

"It's going to get faster." I focus to keep upright, now there's nothing but his voice and the treadmill. Then, he talks about anxiety, the resentment he feels treating so many unvaccinated patients, these last weeks brought him to that fatigue his profession was experiencing, he was experiencing it now, and the anger from a common sense response a to a worldwide epidemic unheeded. "That's it, it's over. You made it." The treadmill slowed, I cooled down. In minutes I'd be walking to the parking lot, heartfelt I thanked him for the excellent medical care I received, for the dedication that still brings him to the hospital, in spite of the pandemic, the fatigue, the unvaccinated, the anger...
in spite of his daily stress tests.

LITERARY ARTS CORNER

We would like to feature two NAACP youth members: Reina Alexis Dennis and William Jaxon Dennis. This young author's book was published in January 2020. For more information go to: www.double4trouble.com



KWANZAA QUEEN



Sip and Paint Event

**Sunday, December 26th
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Location:

Painting with a Twist
1134 York Rd, #101
Lutherville-Timonium,
MD 21093

For more info go to: <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/baltimore-lutherville/event/2913027/>

HOLIDAY RECIPE

This is considered a favorite during Kwanzaa.

Chicken Stew with Cornmeal Dumplings

Ingredients

- 1-14 ounce can chicken broth
- 1 cup frozen small whole onions
- ½ cup water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1-10 ounce package frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 teaspoons snipped fresh basil, oregano, or dill; or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, oregano, or dill, crushed
- ⅛ teaspoon garlic powder
- ⅛ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup milk
- ⅓ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken or turkey or two 5-ounce cans chunk-style chicken or turkey



You can use a pre-cooked store bought rotisserie chicken

HOLIDAY RECIPE

Chicken Stew with Cornmeal Dumplings

Directions

Step 1

In a large saucepan combine chicken broth, frozen vegetables, onions, water, dried herb (if using), salt, garlic powder, and pepper. Bring to boiling.

Step 2

Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine milk and flour; stir into vegetable mixture. Stir in chicken. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Stir in fresh herb, if using.

Step 3

Drop dumpling mixture from a tablespoon to make 4 to 8 mounds on top of the bubbling stew. Simmer, covered (do not lift cover), over low heat for 10 to 12 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in a dumpling comes out clean.

Step 4

Makes 4 servings (about 6 cups)

This recipe was taken from:

<https://www.bhg.com/holidays/kwanzaa/recipes/festive>

HOLIDAY RECIPE: PUMPKIN SOUP

Seasoning:

- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 green bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 6 scallions, coarsely chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup coarsely chopped parsley leaves with tender stems
- 1/2 cup olive or canola oil
- 6 basil leaves

Soup:

- 1 cup distilled white vinegar, divided
- 2 pounds stew beef (preferably chuck) cut into 1" cubes
- 16 cups beef or vegetable broth, divided
- 1 medium calabaza or butternut squash (about 2 pounds), peeled, cut into 1" chunks
- 1 16-oz. can pumpkin puree
- 1 lime
- 3 large russet potatoes, diced
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 1/2 small green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 leek, white and pale-green parts only, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups rigatoni, penne or other pasta
- 5 garlic cloves, diced
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 3 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 parsley sprig
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter, unsalted

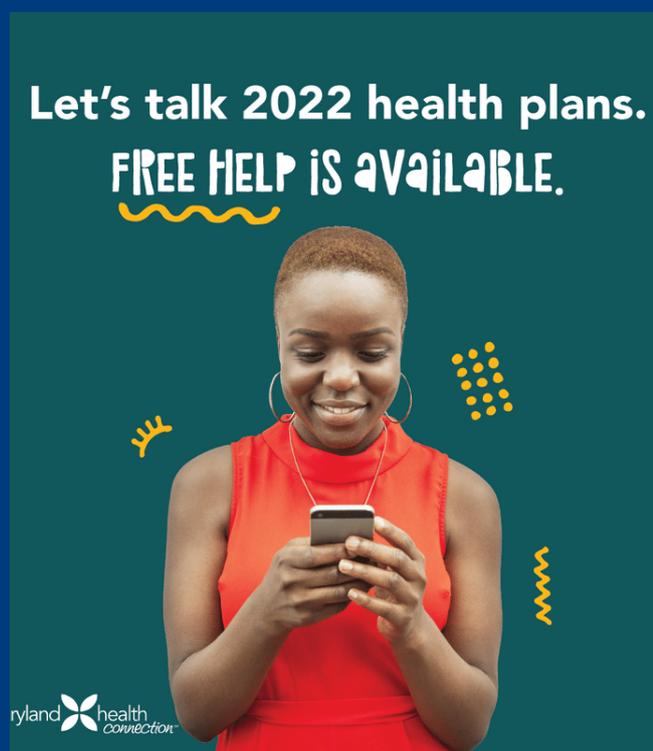


HOLIDAY RECIPE: PUMPKIN SOUP

- 1. Combine all ingredients for the seasoning in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth like a paste.**
- 2. Pour 1 cup vinegar into a large bowl. Swish stew beef in vinegar to rinse. Transfer beef to a colander and rinse with water.**
- 3. Stir Seasoning Base, juice from lime, and salt in another large bowl. Add beef, toss to coat and marinate at least 30 minutes.**
- 4. Heat 6 cups broth in very large stock pot over medium heat. Add marinated beef, cover, and simmer until meat is beginning to soften, about 40 minutes.**
- 5. Add squash to pot on top of beef, cover, and return to a simmer. Cook until squash is fork-tender, 20–25 minutes.**
- 6. Add can of pumpkin to the broth.**
- 7. Add potatoes, carrots, cabbage, onion, celery, leek, rigatoni, cloves, garlic powder, onion powder, 2 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoons pepper, parsley, and remaining 10 cups broth. Simmer, uncovered, until pasta and vegetables are tender, 30–35 minutes.**
- 8. Add oil, butter, and remaining 1 tablespoon vinegar. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until beef is very tender, for 15–20 minutes more. The soup serves 15.**

HEALTH BIZ

- Know someone who needs health insurance? Open enrollment through Maryland Health Connection is here! This year there are more savings than ever thanks to newly available financial assistance under the American Rescue Plan.
- Marylanders ages 18-34 now have access to additional discounts thanks to a new state law. All plans available through Maryland Health Connection cover important health benefits, including doctor visits, prescriptions, mental health services, and more.
- Open enrollment to sign up for a health plan runs from now through January 15, 2022.
- Call toll-free at 1-855-642-8572 or enroll: marylandhealthconnection.gov



DID YOU KNOW?

Welcome to "Did you know?" This is a new addition to our newsletter. In this section we will share some little known facts because to us, Black history month is EVERY month.

Did you know that an African-American invented what has evolved into the modern day mailbox?

In 1891, Philip B. Downing invented what he called the "street letter box". His invention made it easier for people to mail letters without having to travel long distances to the post office. The letter boxes were placed near people's homes along mail carriers' routes.

<https://blackinventor.com › philip-downing>

Did you know that an African-American invented the gas mask and the traffic light?

Garrett Morgan created a hooded breathing device which allowed for easier breathing when around smoke, gas and other pollutants. Morgan patented the "safety hood" in 1914. The "safety hood" was used by fire fighters and became the prototype for the gas masks used by soldiers during World War I.

While living in Cleveland, Ohio, Morgan witnessed an accident which prompted him to create the first automatic three-way traffic signal system. In 1923, Morgan created the three way traffic signal that included a warning light to let drivers know when they need to stop.

<https://www.biography.com/inventor/garrett-morgan>



JOIN US

Our General Body meetings are every first Wednesday at 7:00pm. For the zoom link, refer to our monthly emails or go to the events page on our website below.

www.naacp-bcountymd.org

Join the NAACP on Social Media!

Like us on:



NAACP
Baltimore County



naacp_baltimore
_county



@NAACPBalt
County

File a Complaint

If you need to file a complaint. Please send an email to Gerald Morrison, Labor and Industry Committee Chair, geraldmorrison@gmail.com

Article and Literary

Works credits:

Neil Shovlin
Cliff Collins

Roland N Patterson, Jr.
Editors: Stacey Morrison
and Danielle Dyer