

# NAACP BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Greetings Members,



Happy Women's History Month! We have seen progress as women ascend as leading visionaries, C-suite executives, and even becoming the first woman in their role. It was a special moment in our history seeing the first woman Vice President Kamala Harris, first African American female Supreme Court Judge Ketanji Jackson, first African American President of Harvard University Claudine Gay, first woman of color Lt. Governor Aruna Miller and the first black woman to do a Gun Buy Back in Maryland Dr. Tolson.

During this past quarter, our branch has conducted several activities. We are involved in the search for a new police chief. I recently testified on the Anti Lynching Bill HB. 339 to the Baltimore County Council. I explain more about this in the newsletter. Last month we had our Real Estate seminar presented by the Economic Development Committee. Next month, we plan to

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have the Gun Buy Back event on Saturday April 15th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Drum Castle Government Center parking lot, 6401 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212. This event is hosted in partnership with our branch, Brooks and Clinton Funeral Services and the Baltimore County Government. We will keep you updated as more events are announced from other committees. We have activities for you and your youth. We highly encourage you to be a part of our upcoming events. If you are interested in a committee, please visit our website for more information and send an email to our Communications Chair, Ms. Dyer at: [naacpbaltimorecounty@hotmail.com](mailto:naacpbaltimorecounty@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support and commitment and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

# LEGAL REDRESS APPEALS REPORT

The chair of the Legal Redress Committee, Roland Patterson Jr. have issued two appeals letter to the Maryland Insurance Administration and to Governor Wes Moore in regards to two incidents that occurred in Baltimore County.

The first incident involved several licensed minority insurance brokers who filed complaints at the Maryland Insurance Administration because they were disciplined by the Erie Insurance Company on the basis of "loss-ratio." This is in violation of prohibitions against such actions contained in The Maryland Insurance Article. The Maryland Insurance Administration launched an investigation and a Market Conduct Study into these allegations with Erie Insurance Company but paused on these investigations around April 2021.

The Legal Redress Committee have submitted an appeal to the Maryland Insurance Administration in regards to the status of the market conduct study of Erie Insurance Company. According to the Maryland State Administration, the provision of the status of the market consumer study will help us to know when the investigations will resume. The Legal Redress Committee is currently awaiting for their response and will periodically check back with the agency for updates.

The second incident involved a hit and run of a motorcyclist by a dump truck in Baltimore County. Mr. Williams was proceeding down the avenue of the 695 Beltway on June 16th 2022 around 11:30pm. He was riding his motorcycle. Mr. Williams was approaching the route 70 interstate exchange. The beltway was under construction as they were paving the roads. All lanes were closed and were barricaded by Jersey walls except the outermost lane (slow lane) on the outer loop of the beltway. They were some gaps in the Jersey walls that allowed some passageway of dump trucks that were carrying asphalt materials.

He was coming up to an opening that was unmarked and unmanned. As he approached it, a dump truck came out, hit him and ran over him. Mr. Williams died as a result of the injuries. The dump truck driver kept driver leaving Mr. Williams to succumb to his injuries. The Maryland State Police are in charge of the investigation. They have not been able to identify the truck or the driver.

Mr. Patterson sent an appeal to Governor Wes Moore requesting assistance into this investigation. The State's Attorney Office received information from the Maryland State Police in which they narrowed down the suspect list to five truck drivers but information about the drivers have been withheld. The Williams family would like those names and related company contact information released, which has not been provided by the police department. The Legal Redress Committee is awaiting for a response from the Wes Moore office and will periodically follow-up on this appeal.

# H.B. 339 ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

On Friday, February 24th, President Danita Tolson spoke in support of the Anti-Lynching Bill titled House Bill HB 339 Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission - Reporting and Sunset Extension sponsored by Delegate Jennifer White.

President Danita Tolson stated, "Some people think lynching was only done by the Ku Klux Klan, but it was also done by other Caucasian hate groups. An Anti-lynching bill was first introduced in 1918, however it was not passed and today we are still having discussion about anti-lynching and still reintroducing bills in attempts to pass bills. In 2023 why are we still having these discussions.

Between 1882 and 1951 there were approximately 5,000 documented people lynched in the US. Imagine how many people were undocumented. Lynched for just being black. Some were African American and some were Caucasian people who supported minorities.

Historically, the NAACP has continued to support the antilynching bills and attempted to explain that lynching was not solely a result of being accused of raping white women; it was the fact of their color/being black.

If you are interested in viewing the HB 339 Anti-Lynching Bill, please visit our website under NAACP News at: <https://www.naacp-bcountymd.org/naACP-news.html>

## BCPS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

NAACP Baltimore County was supportive of Dr. Williams' reappointment as the Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent. Although he is not seeking reelection, the Education Committee is staying abreast on the search for the new Superintendent. To provide some background, this is the fourth African American Superintendent that have transitioned prematurely due to lack of support and unequitable treatment. This has been a pattern of treatment to minority Superintendents that raises the following question on whether this is a case of institutional discrimination. The branch will continue to stay informed regarding this transition and on other important issues within the Baltimore County Public School System.

# The Baltimore NAACP ACT-SO WANTS YOU!

## High School Students

WE INVITE ALL STUDENTS IN BALTIMORE GRADES 9-12  
FOR OUR LOCAL ACT-SO TALENT COMPETITION  
INFORMATIONAL

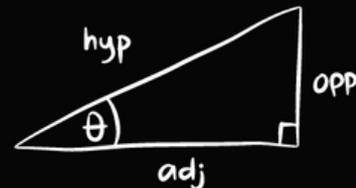


# April 29, 2023

For more information



Email: [BaltimoreActSoCompetition@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreActSoCompetition@gmail.com)



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# HEALTH CORNER



Introducing the 2023 Health Committee...

I wanted to take this time to acquaint you with the 2023 Health Committee. The Health Committee plans to focus on important health issues and will organize events geared to the needs of the community.

My name is Leila Edwards, I am the new Health Committee Chairperson. It is such an honor to take on this role. The committee and I are beyond excited to get to work, as we are invested in the health of black and brown people. We will be featuring information on health topics, interests, tips, healthy recipes, and upcoming events.

My name is Marcquetta Carey, and I am currently on several committees with NAACP Baltimore County Branch. I have been a nurse for over 30 years. Health is very near and dear to my heart, and I am very passionate about it. I have worked in the field as a homecare nurse in the community for over 20 years. I have also been selected to be on the standing advisory committee for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

I am very excited about being a part of this committee. My goal is to communicate on the health disparities affecting our communities, discuss healthcare management as it relates to public health crisis, coordinate, and collaborate with community outreach events that bring awareness to healthcare issues.



# HEALTH CORNER



My name is Evelyn Johnson, and I believe there are several chronic diseases that impact minority groups more often than our counterparts. Unfortunately, most people are unaware of their risk factors and resources once the disease is even identified. It's important to bring awareness and resources to all marginalized communities. As a member of the NAACP Health committee and Maryland Benefit Health Exchange standing advisory committee, I can eagerly work as an advocate for those that need a voice. I am ecstatic to work with everyone on the committee and the community.

The NAACP's vision is that everyone will have equal access to affordable, high-quality health care services and that racially disparate health outcomes will end. Health equality for all Americans includes a healthy life and high-quality health care.

We invite you to read the Health & Well-being portion on the NAACP website. The fight for affordable health care, access to quality resources, and equal health care for all continues to be the priority for the organization. Please consider joining the fight and becoming a member by clicking the link: [Health & Well-Being \(naacp.org\)](https://naacp.org/Health-Well-Being).

Thank you for allowing us to serve as your 2023 Baltimore County Health committee.

“I think the number one thing Black women and all Black people should be paying attention to is our health” ~Bell Hooks



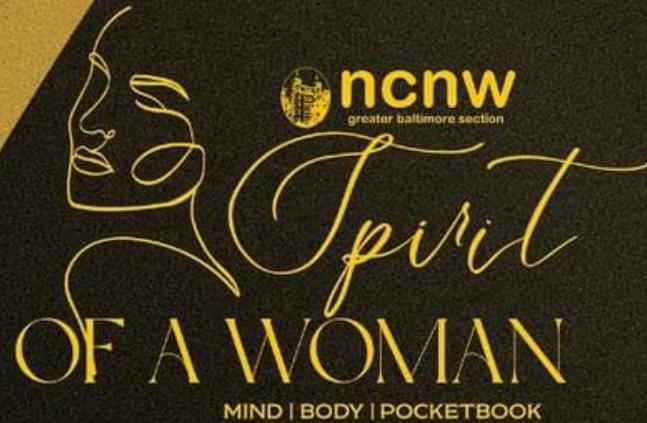
# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN GREATER BALTIMORE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

*7th Biennial Celebration*  
*Saturday, March 25th*  
*Noon-4pm*

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel | 903 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson

Tickets at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Keywords - GBS-NCNW Spirit of a Woman or visit [GBS-NCNW.com](https://www.GBS-NCNW.com)



## Special Mind/Body/Pocketbook Panel Discussion



**Celandra Deane-Bess, CFP®**  
Senior Vice President, Capital Area Market Leader  
PNC Private Bank



**Delayna Watkins - BSN, RN, BCPA**  
Executive Founder - Women's Wellness Lounge, Inc.



**Melecia Helwig-Henson, PA-C**  
Physician Associate at Lifebridge Health at  
Northwest Hospital & Equilibrium Behavioral  
Health



**Denielle M. Randall, LCSW-C, RPT, VASIII**  
Program Manager, Pathways to Advocacy Against  
Violence Everyday Program (PAAVE) at Center for  
Hope



Moderated by  
**Alisa Gumbs, Black Enterprise Magazine**

*Honoring Maysa Leak*

# THE INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORLD 21ST CENTURY CONFERENCE



All Roads Lead to Baltimore!

## State of the Black World Conference V

April 19 – 23, 2023

Baltimore Convention Center and  
Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel

Global Africans Rising

Empowerment, Reparations & Healing

Honorary Chairman

Dr. Julius Garvey

Convened By

The Institute of the Black World 21st Century  
Dr. Ron Daniels, President

### SOBWC-V REGISTRATION

**\$200 ADVANCE  
\$250 AFTER APRIL 1ST  
AND ON SITE**

For conference updates, information  
& registration visit [IBW21.ORG/SOBWCV](http://IBW21.ORG/SOBWCV)  
email us at [INFO@IBW21.ORG](mailto:INFO@IBW21.ORG)  
or call **888.774.2921**

### 5 AMAZING DAYS 8 WORKING SESSIONS

Environmental Justice,  
Climate Change and Water as  
A Human Right

Displacing Black People & Black Culture:  
Gentrification as a State of Emergency  
in Black America

Socially Responsible Black Business  
& Economic Development

Combating Gun Violence, Murders  
& Fratricide in Black Communities:  
A Public Health Crisis

Reimagining Public Safety  
& Law Enforcement

Making Black Lives Matter

Hip Hop Summit

Building the U.S. and Global  
Reparations Movements

### HOTEL RESERVATION(S)

Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel

**SINGLE OR DOUBLE \$189.00,  
TRIPLE \$209, QUAD, \$229 (+ TAX)**

Limited availability so call  
**1-800-HILTONS** to reserve your room(s)  
today! and reference group code "SBW"



Sierra Walker  
CEO of Nonprofit  
Dana's Daughters



April Denise Whitehead  
Grown Woman's Talk  
Radio Talk Show Host



# Women's



# BRUNCH

## Empowerment



Stephanie Poplar  
Realtor and CEO of Stephanie  
Poplar Business Solutions LLC



Chanelle Burt  
Senior Vice President, ACN  
CEO, W3 Community



Shawntay Johnson  
CEO, Shawntay's School  
of Creative Nails

### **Checkmate: Mastering the Corporate Game**

**Saturday, May 6th 11:00am - 2:00pm**

**Location: United Methodist Church  
5020 Gwynn Oak Avenue,  
Baltimore MD 21207**

**Tickets: \$25.00 ~ Raffle Prizes**

Register at Eventbrite:  
<https://naacpwomensbrunch.eventbrite.com>



BALTIMORE COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS PRESENTS



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# JUNETEENTH

## FREEDOM DAY

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JUNE 17, 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

BENJAMIN BANNEKER  
HISTORICAL PARK AND  
MUSEUM



# WE RISE

Today, everyone's eyes are on us as we rise.  
Today is the day women are paving the way,  
Speaking our truth to power in this hour, it is our duty  
to find the brave beauty in rooting for other women



So they too know we are not victims, We are victors,  
the greatest predictors of progress. We press for change,  
A new dawn drawn into the open by women whose silence  
is broken. We push on and act on our responsibility to bring visibility  
To the most vulnerable: to bring freedom to those who didn't have a choice, to bring volume to  
those who are using their voice. We clear a woman's way, We don't fear the day. She  
steps into the light because we are with her every step of the fight. There's a lot at  
stake, but making a difference always takes great courage.

So we encourage women who dare to stare. Fear square in its face, women who've  
always shown that when one woman stands up, she is never alone. We know that  
when she steps up to right a wrong, she will fight to bring others along to the network,  
into the conversation, working together to change

Communities and nations for generations, our world made all the stronger the longer  
Women are able to sit at the table. It is her strength, her story, and her spirit, which  
inspires other vital voices to speak up when they hear it. So let it be said that light will  
be shed

When our world is led by leaders ahead of the headlines, the voices. Who are first on  
the frontline, These women who stand up, knowing the wind not by where it is, but  
where it is blowing, Leading worlds not by how society is but where change is going.  
We all leap forward when one woman tries, when she defies with her rallying cries.  
Here lies, but does not rest, the best off tested women who call us all to rise,

Speaking the truth in this finest hour: That to their own power, every single woman is  
entitled. But it's how they empower others that makes women's voices so vital.

**Amanda Gorman**



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NAACP is offering leadership training this spring. The Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute (CRATI) is an annual leadership training conference designed to empower volunteer youth and adult leaders to become more adept in carrying out the civil rights advocacy responsibilities of NAACP units.

The Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute will enhance advocacy by NAACP Units by:

- Getting back to basics and covering political advocacy; community organizing; coalition building; program development; use of the media; organizing educational forums and protest demonstrations; and effective use of NAACP's advocacy networks.
- Highlighting a Civic Engagement/Campaign area and creating an effective "ground strategy" to address the upcoming election season.
- Strengthen the infrastructure of the units by providing training in the following area; Executive Leadership, Advocacy, Legal Redress, and Volunteer Management.

## Save the Date

April 21-22 on Fri 7-9PM and Sat 10 AM – 2PM  
May 2-4 on Tues 7-9PM, Wed 7-9PM and Thurs 7-9PM

Registration links will be available soon.

**VISIT: [HTTPS://NAACP.ORG/EVENTS/CIVIL-RIGHTS-ADVOCACY-TRAINING-INSTITUTE-CRATI](https://naacp.org/events/civil-rights-advocacy-training-institute-crati)**

## 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 our events page online.

[www.naacp-bcountymd.org](http://www.naacp-bcountymd.org)

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<https://www.naacp-bcountymd.org/labor-and-industry.html>

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