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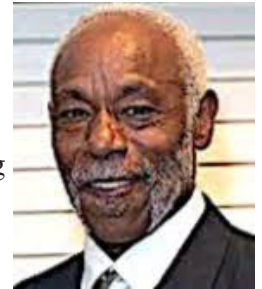
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President's Message

How Long? Not Long...143 years? The Passing of Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act

The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is a United States federal law which makes lynching a federal hate crime.

The act amends the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act and prior hate crime laws to define lynching as any conspired bias-motivated offense which results in death or serious bodily injury. It was passed by the U.S House of Representatives on February 28, 2022, and U.S. Senate on March 7, 2022, and signed into law on March 29, 2022, by President Joe Biden.



As the old folks use to say, better late than never, because never is too long. Think about it! Our shared history of the lynching of black woman, children and men for entertainment and then taking body parts as souvenirs. One Hundred forty-three years of lynching for entertainment; it's about time, after 5000 - 6000 lynched women, children, and men. This is the stuff of traumatic oppression and traumatic oppressor-ship. The bigots and the oppressed are faced with the same traumas, now and in the future. Low self-esteem from unresolved dis-stress recordings from being and living in an oppressive culture of violence on all levels and all around us. Fear, anger, grief, boredom and guilt keep us in the emotional prison of self-hate...and we are the jailer, the guard and the inmate. Trauma and miseducation are the bars that keep each of us on lock down, by stopping the truth of Love from entering our hearts and the Love of truth from entering into our minds. "Lost and alone as the song writer sings: I hate to be a grown up, and have to try to bare my life in pain". But such is the world we each experience, looking but never finding peace, connection, or understanding.

Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome or Post Traumatic Serfdom Syndrome created this prison we awaken to each morning. When we rise to start an old-new day filled with drama and the same old stuff. Plagued by the chronic dis-stress/trauma we live out, our death sentence, praying and hoping that at death do we part from this chronic dis-stress/trauma experience.

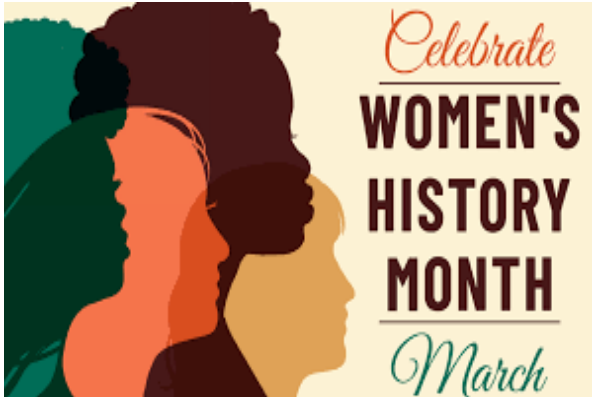
Thank God for healing Mondays, we have the opportunity to return and claim our past in order to move toward our future. It is in understanding who WE WERE will free us to embrace who we are now. We all have a history, and with social support we are looking at the past, then we can embrace who we are now, and then create who we want to be. Most people will never choose to look at the pain of their ancestors, their parents or their personal trauma; because of Fear, Anger, Grief, Boredom, and Guilt that waits to steal and hide, the Love of truth and the truth of Love from us like magic.

But it is only emotions and with help and persistence, we can overcome the illusions of fear, anger, grief, boredom and guilt with social support. We can change THE WORLD, ONLY WHEN WE CHANGE OURSELVES we have to do the work, not just thinking about it or wishing it was so. Most people never change because of the power of socialization.

Stephen Vines, President

Review of March Events

Woman's History Month March



6th Annual Women's March SLO Event Mitchell Park



HEALING MONDAYS
The best investment
you can make!

CA Assembly District 30 Candidates Forum, March 23rd

[Click Here for the Video Recording](#)



Upcoming Branch Activities

General Membership Meeting:

Second Tuesday of Every Month via ZOOM Time: 6:30PM-8:15PM

For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com



Executive Team Meetings:

Third Thursday of Every Month via ZOOM, 6:00 PM to 7:45. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Peoples Team:

Activities, Communications/Press and Publicity, Community Coordinator, Freedom Fund and Membership Committees meet on the Second Thursday of Every Month at 6:00pm via ZOOM.

Activism Team:

Criminal Justice, Community Coordinator, Envi-ronmental Justice, Political Action, Legal Redress and Prison Branch Committees meet on the Fourth Wednesday of Every Month at 6:00pm via ZOOM. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Outreach Team: Armed Services/Veterans Affairs, Economic Development, Housing, Labor/Industry Committees; meeting date and time TBD. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Humanities Team:

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technology And Scientific Olympic (ACT-SO) Academic, College/Youth Works, Education and Health meet on the First Wednesday of Every Month 7:00pm via ZOOM. For a link, email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

Community Outreach Team:

If you are interested in getting involved in your community, become a part of our outreach team. Email us at naacpslocty@gmail.com

“Advocate Equity” Membership Drive

See the flyer on a following page

And Beyond . . .

Save the Date!

Juneteenth Celebration 2022, June 18-19th

Theme: Emotional Competency

“The next frontier in human development”

Juneteenthsl.com



STEM SCHOLARSHIP

The CA/HI NAACP and VEECO STEM Scholarship was established to assist deserving students entering the STEM field. Two recipients will receive \$3,000 each for educational expenses at a four year university.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION, SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES MUST:

- Be in good academic standing
- Be a graduating high school senior
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.2
- Complete the STEM Scholarship Application
- Submit most recent certified copy of high school transcript
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation
- Be a member of the NAACP
- Be a resident of California or Hawaii
- Submit proof of acceptance to a 4 year university

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – Scholarship Application Available

Friday, April 15, 2022 @ 5 pm – Application Period Closes

May 1-6, 2022 – Semi-Finalist Interviews Conducted

Friday, May 13, 2022 – Finalists/Awardees Announced

[Link for additional information](#)

For more information, please contact Salena Pryor at (916) 831-0428 or spryor@cahinaacp.org

"Advocate Equity" Membership Drive

Rewards Program Contest date: February 1st through April 30th!

Membership Drive Results for March: Congratulations Megan Canon for being our winner for the month of March!

In March: 7 New Members, 8 Renewals, 2 Youth

Membership is the lifeline of our organization!

Stand up for Social Justice and renew your membership today.

Who We Are

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the nation's oldest, largest, and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, campaigning for equal opportunity and conducting voter mobilization.

The San Luis Obispo County Branch is 400 members strong!

What We Do

We advocate and engage on local, State and Federal levels for social equity in these areas:

Criminal Justice
Economic Opportunity
Education
Environmental and Climate Justice
Health
Media Diversity

REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Regular Adult – \$30*
(Ages 21 & Older)

Youth with Crisis Magazine – \$15*
(Ages 20 & Under)

Youth without Crisis Magazine – \$10
(Ages 17 & Under)

WIN (Women In The NAACP) Membership – \$10
Only available to active members

Benefits of Membership

- Receiving the newsletter and weekly emails with news, inspiration, information and resources about social equity issues on a local, regional and national level.
- Networking with a community of like minded people.
- Sense of empowerment by making a difference in our community through direct engagement, volunteer opportunities and donations.
- Education about social issues which raises awareness and helps with individual and community healing.
- Help determine the focus and efforts of the organization.
- Membership is confidential.



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Junior Life – \$100** (Ages 13 & under)

Bronze Life – \$400** (Ages 14-20)

Silver Life – \$750**

Gold Life – \$1,500**

Only available to Silver or Regular Life Members

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Annual Corporate – \$5,000*

*Includes a 1-year subscription to The CRISIS Magazine

**Fully-paid Life Memberships include a 10-year subscription to The CRISIS Magazine

Take a stand. Answer the call for equality. Answer the call for civil rights. Join the oldest and boldest civil rights organization in the nation. Join the NAACP or renew your membership. <https://naacpslocty.org>

[Link to Become a member](https://bit.ly/3nVHKcR) <https://bit.ly/3nVHKcR> [Link to Renew membership](https://bit.ly/3FYfQDt) <https://bit.ly/3FYfQDt>

HEALING MONDAYS

The best investment you can make!

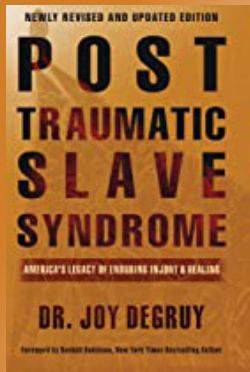
Every Monday via ZOOM

7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Facilitated by Oddette Augustus (Miss
Oddette) and Karen Burish Wyke

Please RSVP to naacpslocty@gmail.com

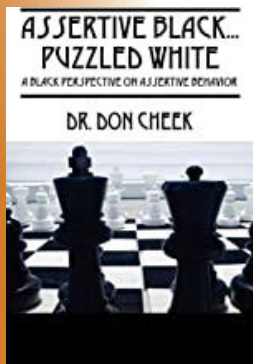
Currently Studying



Facilitated by
Oddette Augustus



For White Folks
Facilitated by
Karen Burish Wyke



**Will be
Studying**

Join Us for this Important Work.

For the Zoom link, Please RSVP to
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE.



RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF EARTH DAY

The CA/HI NAACP believes that environmental justice and climate justice are civil and human rights issues. In the context of climate change, frontline communities' health, income and access to resources and protections are tantamount to our ability not only to adapt to our changing climate, but also to pass policies and legislation that are fair and culturally significant.

Environmental disasters cause widespread disruptions to daily life, impacting communities, individuals and organizations. As disaster events increase in frequency and severity with climate change, frontline communities will continue to bear the brunt of the multiple impacts.

Earth Day serves as a time to recognize the imperative fight to protect communities of color, preserve the environment and also to spread the message about sustainability. The CA/HI NAACP encourages everyone to do their part in continuing to be mindful and spread awareness with one another on the impact climate change has on communities of color.



COVID KNOW MORE

COVID UPDATE FROM NATIONAL

In light of the latest information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have made the decision to resume in-person meetings, gatherings and events in areas where the risk of community spread are low or pose minimal risk to others. The CDC has issued updated guidelines for when people should wear face masks indoors. Face masks are not required in low-risk counties, and are only recommended in areas with medium transmission if the person is immune-compromised or at high risk for severe illness. People in counties with high transmission of Covid-19 should wear face coverings indoors regardless of their vaccination status, according to the CDC. The CDC guidelines encourage event organizers to follow state and local regulations on gatherings (updates on Covid-19 restrictions in all 50 states can be found [here](#)). Meeting planners should continually monitor the outbreak and make adjustments to the event plan as needed.

MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS With regards to meetings and gatherings organized or sponsored by NAACP units, we are asking that you follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local government entities and make decisions accordingly. This request extends to NAACP general membership and executive committee meetings, meetings of other unit committees, State Conference quarterly meetings and conventions, Freedom Fund events, ACT-SO events, and any other gathering organized or sponsored by NAACP units.

During this period of national health concern, please heed the warnings of the CDC and other government authorities and take all necessary precautions to ensure that you and your family remain healthy and safe.



5th
Annual



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday June 18, 2022

SLO Mission Plaza 11:00am to 4:00pm

Sign up for a Vendor Booth (space is limited)

Join us for CULTURE, MUSIC and FUN!

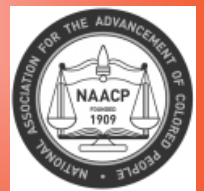
[Click here for Vendor Opportunities](#) • [Click here for Sponsor opportunities](#)

Sunday June 19, 2022

Movie and Panel Discussion

SLO Public Market 3:00pm to 6:00pm

For details on sponsorships/vendor booths go to JuneteenthSLO.com



**JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

NAACP National

ADVOCACY & LITIGATION

The path to justice requires that we challenge federal, state, and local laws, statutes, and policies to ensure equal protection.

MAKING LAWS WORK FOR US

A thoughtful look at American history reveals that the nation's laws were never meant to serve Black Americans. But we strive to make the laws work for us through litigation at the national and local levels.



Through affirmative litigation, we aim to further our mission to ensure equitable treatment and opportunities when it comes to voting rights, education, economic empowerment, criminal justice, and health, including environmental justice. We initiate lawsuits and join as plaintiffs in state and federal cases.

We have, and will continue to, file cases that fight:

- Unjust federal, state local statutes regulations
- Discriminatory policies, practices procedures
- Unlawful misconduct by public officers, private individuals, and companies that threaten civil rights

We don't do this work alone. We may partner with other civil rights organizations, law firms, and law schools to secure the resources necessary to assess and prosecute cases.

WE NEED YOU IN THE FIGHT

Each and every NAACP member makes a difference to the complex, ongoing work of advancing racial equity. We have driven the hardest-fought wins for civil rights and social justice — with you by our side, we can accelerate the next milestones for Black Americans.

Join this multigenerational network of activists dismantling structural racism by using your power to take action on the most pressing issues of our time.