



Goose Creek SC NAACP Branch May 2018 Newsletter

**NOTICE OF ELECTIONS
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK SPECIAL ELECTION**



The Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration announces a **Special Election for the City of Goose Creek to be held Tuesday the 31st day of July 2018.**

The following offices shall be included in this election:

City Council – Unexpired Term

Any person wishing to file as a candidate for the above listed office may do so by bringing the filing fee of \$150.00 for City Council to the Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration office.

This office is located at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Books will be open for filing May 18, 2018 at noon, and will remain open during regular business hours until May 29, 2018 at NOON.

The dates of filing are May 18 – May 29, 2018.

The polling place for this election will be the Goose Creek Municipal Court, located in the Marguerite H. Brown Municipal Center, 519 N. Goose Creek Blvd, Goose Creek, SC, as set by law.

City Council is an unexpired term, expiring April 2020.

People desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered by June 30, 2018. To register, one must contact the Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Voters wishing for more information concerning absentee voting should contact The Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration.

This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The polls shall open at 7:00 AM on Election Day and close at 7:00 PM.

At 9:00 AM on Election Day The Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration shall begin the process of examining the absentee ballots. This examination will be held at the County Elections Office, 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner.

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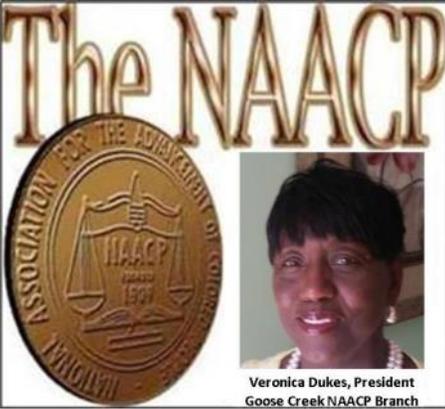
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Veronica Dukes, President
Goose Creek NAACP Branch

BRANCH MEETINGS

Goose Creek NAACP meets at
Berkeley Electric Cooperative Building
2 Springhall Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445

Upcoming Meetings

Monday May 21, 2018

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting

Monday Jun 25, 2018

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SAVE THE DATE

Goose Creek Branch of the NAACP

2018 Annual Freedom Fund Celebration

Theme:

A Vote in the Ballot Box is a Vote for Freedom

Saturday

OCTOBER 6, 2018

At

Crowne Plaza Hotel

4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd

N. Charleston, SC 29418

Cocktails - 5:45pm - 6:30pm

Seating at 6:30pm

Tickets \$60

DINNER | ATTIRE: BLACK TIE

Guest Speaker

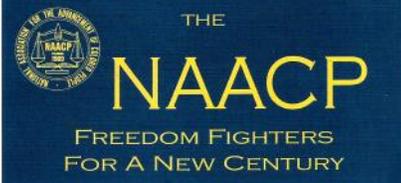


Rev. Anthony T. Waymyers, Pastor
Grace Temple Fellowship Church
Wallace, South Carolina

For ticket purchases and more information contact:

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PRESS RELEASE

**NAACP STATEMENT ON SANTA FE
HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING**

MAY 18, 2018

BALTIMORE (MAY 18, 2018) – The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation’s premier civil rights organization, issued the following statement regarding the tragic shooting at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas:

The NAACP mourns the tragic and senseless loss of 10 lives today at Santa Fe High School. In addition to those killed, 10 individuals were also wounded. Nine of the 10 fatalities were students, studying subjects they loved and planning for their future. This is the 22nd school shooting of 2018 according to CNN. We cannot sit back and allow gun violence to continue to take the lives of our students. The NAACP sends our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the victims and everyone whose lives they touched. Talk alone is not enough to address the issue of gun violence in our communities and schools; sensible gun reform must become a priority among our politicians and policymakers.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP’s work and what our six “Game Changer” issue are here: <http://www.naacp.org/about-us/game-changers/>



Do you believe in the promise of Brown v. Board?



Derrick Johnson
President and CEO

It’s a simple question, but one that several of President Trump’s judicial nominees have struggled to answer. We need your help to make sure that those who don’t believe in civil rights don’t get to guard our justice system.

64 years ago, today, Thurgood Marshall and a team of NAACP attorneys won the landmark Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, which outlawed segregation in public schools and overturned the principle of “separate but equal.”

Brown v. Board was a critical civil rights milestone but its full progressive potential has not been realized. Many children of color remain relegated to underperforming schools, and, as recent incidents have shown, racial bias remains a daily reality.

Now, we find ourselves faced with judicial nominees who refuse to state their support for Brown v. Board. Six of Trump’s selections for these lifetime appointments to federal courts evaded senators’ questions about their feelings toward the Supreme Court decision.

Such behavior is hardly surprising from nominees with proven track records of disrespecting the rights of Americans of color. These individuals have worked to roll back voting rights, criminal justice, immi-

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On Thursday, the 2nd of August at 10:00 AM The Berkeley County Board of Elections & Registration will hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in this election.

Any Runoff will be held two (2) weeks after the Election on Tuesday the 14th of August, if necessary. The Hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in the Runoff will be held on Thursday the 16th of August at the County Elections Office, 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner.

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The Republican and Democratic parties will hold primaries on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Any necessary runoffs will be held on Tuesday, June 26. Any person wishing to vote in the primaries and runoffs must register no later than Sunday, May 13. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, May 14, 2018.

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place:

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office.

Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false.

For more information on Photo ID, visit www.scVOTES.org or contact Your county board of voter registration and elections. ■





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grant rights, and LGBTQ rights. Many would join all-white courts in jurisdictions serving millions of people of color.

Our democracy needs your help. With nearly 180 judicial vacancies, the Senate's action on these nominees could impede progressive issues for decades.



Please urge your senators to confirm qualified, honorable candidates.

Protect our courts and the promise of Brown v. Board.

CONTACT YOUR SENATORS NOW!

In solidarity,

Derrick Johnson

President and CEO
NAACP

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CONTACT YOUR SENATORS NOW!

HEALTH

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure equal political, educational, social, and economic rights for all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. This mission includes a focus on the right of African Americans and other people of color to have optimal health outcomes and access to timely, quality, affordable health care. African Americans continue to have the highest incidence, prevalence and mortality rates from chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, and issues like HIV/AIDS continue to overwhelm the Black community more so than any other racial or ethnic group.

The NAACP is committed to eliminating the racial and ethnic inequities that exist within our health care system that undermine communities of color their life opportunities and their ability to contribute fully to the common good.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month



In May alone, some 65,000 Americans will experience a stroke with many unaware that they were even at risk. Less than a third will arrive in the emergency room within three hours, the optimal time period for better outcomes.

May marks [National Stroke Awareness Month](#), and this year the [National Stroke Association](#) is turning the spotlight on the 10 modifiable risk factors that account for 90% of strokes globally. Hypertension remains the single most important modifiable risk factor, accounting for nearly 48% of strokes. With eight in 10 people experiencing their first stroke having hypertension, getting your blood pressure checked is an important first step in controlling your stroke risk.

Research has shown that unhealthy behaviors such as physical inactivity, poor diet, and smoking have an adverse effect on health and increase your stroke risk. For example, smokers have an increased risk of stroke, up to two to four times, compared to a nonsmoker or those that have quit for longer than 10 years.

During National Stroke Awareness Month, the National Stroke Association is urging the public to look at their stroke risk fac-

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tors, and pledge to make at least one change to reduce their stroke risk.

Here's how much stroke would be reduced if each were eliminated:

- Hypertension 47.9%
- Physical inactivity 35.8%
- Lipids (blood fats) 26.8%
- Poor diet 23.2%
- Obesity 18.6%
- Smoking 12.4%
- Heart causes 9.1%
- Alcohol intake 5.8%
- Stress 5.8%
- Diabetes 3.9%

Beyond reducing [your risk for stroke](#), knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke are equally important. Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke and around 800,000 people will have a stroke in the United States this year alone.

"Learning how to recognize a stroke is just as important as reducing your risk factors," says Robyn Moore, CEO of the National Stroke Association. "We know that recognition of stroke symptoms leads to receiving medical attention faster, which results in better outcomes. Knowing the signs of stroke, how to prevent it, and how to help others around you, just might save a life."

Sadly, however, fewer than half of 9-1-1 calls for stroke are made within one hour of symptom onset and fewer than half of callers correctly identify stroke as the reason for their call. The acronym FAST is an easy way to identify the most common symptoms of a stroke:

F - Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A - Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S - Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is their speech slurred?

T - Time: If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

A common misconception is that strokes occur only in older adults. Although, your stroke risk increases with age, a stroke can happen to anyone at any time. About 15% of ischemic strokes occur in young adults and adolescents.

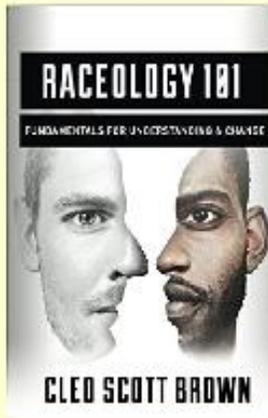
The need for public awareness surrounding stroke prevention and awareness has never been greater. Despite being a leading cause of adult long-term disability, and the fifth leading cause of death, less than one in five Americans can correctly classify [all five stroke symptoms](#). The time to take action is now. This May, during National Stroke Awareness month, get to know your stroke risk factors and learn to better identify the signs and symptoms of stroke. The life you save just might be your own.

Information provided by National Stroke Association (www.stroke.org).■



Book Signing and Light Refreshments Will be Served.

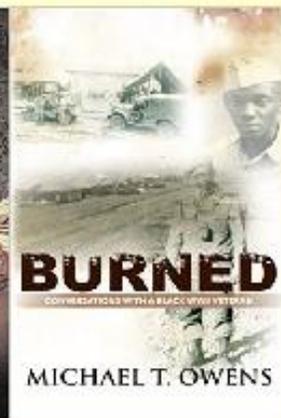
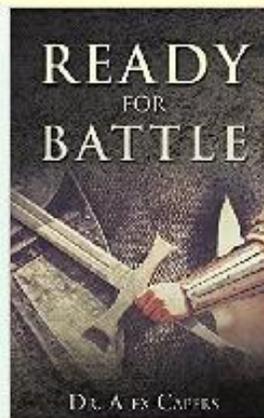
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What Grandma Forgot to Tell You

A Story of Forgotten Treasures in St. George, South Carolina

BY EDITH MARTIN WILLIAMS-OLDHAM



Monday June 25, 2018 At 7 PM

At the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Building ♦ 2 Springhall Drive ♦ Goose Creek, SC 29445

Cleo Scott. Brown

Why do we have difficulty having meaningful conversations about race?

Raceology 101 addresses and illuminates fundamental issues that impede progress in race relations today using stories along with insight from the past. Raceology 101 represents a storehouse of wisdom for a generation now being forced to confront America's past and its continued impact on America's future. It is only in confronting and understanding the past that today's problems can be solved.■

Edith Martin Williams-Oldham

"What Grandma Forgot to Tell You: A Story of Forgotten Treasures in St. George, South Carolina."

This narrative is filled with an abundance of history; it is a story about a forgotten people (who had so little, but gave so much) and the contributions they made to their communities during the 1940s and 1950s in St. George and surrounding communities.■

Dr. Alex Capers

Ready for Battle is a Christian book written to help prepare readers for the spiritual war that is raging in the world today. Christians need to be spiritually equipped to fight this battle against the devil, who knows his time is short and tries to get us in any way he can. This book will help you gather the weapons of warfare, most importantly prayer, so you will discover how to become an overcomer in Christ and never give up on His plans and purposes for your life.■

Michael T. Owens

Burned: Conversations with a Black WWII Veteran provides gruesome details of the torture and discrimination WWII veteran Rollins Edwards faced while serving his country. Edwards served in both European and Pacific theaters. He was threatened with jail time if he spoke about his experience of being an experimental guinea pig in chemical warfare tests. His story had been hidden for 50 years before investigations brought to light the injustices he and other African Americans underwent.■

**For more information contact
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Minutes From April 23, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Veronica Dukes, at 7:05 p.m. the members were led in prayer by 2nd Vice President Michel Arnold and we sang "Lift Every Voice." Minutes of our last meeting was read. The minutes were approved and accepted with corrections. The following corrections made was adding an "e" to Crowne Plaza Hotel.

We had several guests:

Mr. Alfred Jenkins from Senator Tim Scott's office- shared about skill training jobs being available via Trident Tech for new industries in and coming to Berkeley county and the training not being taken advantage of in the Goose Creek area. Other guests included: Cheryl Finnell from the Community Outreach office, Mr. Ken Battles from the Governor's office, and the newly elected Goose Creek City Councilmen- Corey McClary.

Our scheduled guest speaker, Mr. Lavon Bunch was shared information on how the branch may be able to earn funds for the branch's scholarships and community projects through a nonprofit relationship with 5LINX.

Old Business

Adopt a highway-Mr. Schuster reported that the adopt a highway sign has been ordered and the next clean up date is scheduled for June 9th. He suggested dividing into four groups and meeting at the Navy Exchange.

Freedom Fund- Chairperson Shirley Martin continued to encourage the members to actively participate in sponsorship and that the silent auction will be more of a service venture.

New Business

President Dukes emphasized the importance of encouraging as many individuals to get out and vote and that the branch would like to have a youth day cookout. She also stated that the League of Women Voters are willing to assist.

Education Committee chairperson Sharina Haynes is working on fundraiser for scholarship fund at O'Charleys in July. Meeting will be held next week.

Committee Reports:

Education: planning pancake breakfast

There was no report from Health, Legal Redress and Membership

Next Meeting: May 21, 2018

Meeting Adjourned.

Closing prayer: Rev. Orr■



JULY 14-18, 2018

HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

109th NAACP Annual Convention NAACP: Defeat Hate – VOTE

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold the 109th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on July 14-18, 2018.

Known as one of America's friendliest cities, San Antonio is a culturally rich and exciting city with plenty to do and see. It's home to the Alamo, the famous River Walk, the Buffalo Soldiers and St. Philip's College, the only college in the U.S. with distinct dual designation as a Historically Black College and a Hispanic Serving Institution.

San Antonio is one of two cities in the U.S. to be named a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. So be sure to come with a big appetite as this grand city has a large variety of amazing restaurants and cuisines to enjoy. San Antonio will provide an unforgettable convention experience and is the perfect city to host our 109th Annual Convention.■

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/19/us/politics/governor-georgia-primary-democrat-stacey-abrams.html>

Black, Female and Running for Governor: Can She Win in the South?

By Jonathan Martin and Richard Fausset



Stacey Abrams, center, a Democratic candidate for Georgia governor, posing with supporters. She is trying to win a statewide election in the Deep South without relying on conservative-leaning white voters. Credit Audra Melton for The New York Times

May 19, 2018

ROME, Ga. — Stacey Abrams hopes to become the first black woman ever elected governor in the United States.

Ms. Abrams, a former minority leader of the Georgia House, is also testing a risky campaign strategy: that a Democrat can win a statewide election in the Deep South without relying on the conservative-leaning white voters long considered essential.

“The approach of trying to create a coalition that is centered around converting Republicans has failed Democrats in the state of Georgia for the last 15 years,” Ms. Abrams said after mingling with diners in this North Georgia town.

Her rival in Tuesday’s Democratic primary, former State Representative Stacey Evans, has scorned Ms. Abrams’ strategy as unrealistic and “unhealthy for democracy.” ■



Here's your opportunity to do something that will Impact The Community!

It all starts with a membership. After joining, there are many ways to volunteer on a Committee, work with our Youth Works Activities, work on our Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, assist the elderly and youth students in registering to vote, help canvass the community through phone banking and door to door voter education, or host a fundraising events. There are hundreds of ways you can make an Impact!

JOIN TODAY

REASONS TO JOIN THE NAACP

- 1. **The fight for freedom is not free! Your membership will help fund initiatives and programs to support our mission of racial equality and equal justice**
- 2. **A membership in the NAACP is your opportunity to give back to the organization that has done more to change this country for the betterment of people of color, women, and the disenfranchised than any other in the nation's history**
- 3. **Your membership in the NAACP makes you a part of a force of 300,000 people who stand for the freedoms guaranteed in our nation's constitution**
- 4. **Your membership in the NAACP makes a direct and positive impact in your community when you join your local Unit**



NAACP And Mormons Call For Racial Harmony, Civility

By Brady McCombs, Associated Press

Published May 17, 2018 (www.thespectrum.com)



Mormon Church President Russell M. Nelson (left) shakes hands with NAACP President Derrick Johnson during a news conference Thursday May 17, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. (Photo: Rick Bowmer, AP)

SALT LAKE CITY — Top leaders from the NAACP and Mormon church on Thursday called for greater racial harmony and mutual respect following the first official meeting between national leaders from the civil rights organization and Utah-based religion.

The media event in Salt Lake City came ahead of a 40th anniversary celebration planned next month by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of its 1978 decision to lift a ban on blacks in the religion's lay priesthood.

The ban was rooted in the belief that black skin was a curse, and it lingers as one of the most sensitive topics in the religion's history.

Neither NAACP President Derrick Johnson nor LDS Church President Russell M. Nelson mentioned the past ban during their brief prepared remarks.

They instead focused on highlighting the historic nature of the two institutions creating an alliance they hope can lead to work on education and humanitarian causes.

Johnson said the newly-minted alliance should be an example for others to work in harmony and with greater civility. Nelson echoed that, calling for everyone in the world to show greater "racial and ethnic harmony" and eliminate prejudice of all kinds.

Historic meeting between groups

It's not exaggerating to call the meeting historic because the two organizations have in the past existed in different worlds and had different trajectories, said W. Paul Reeve, the Simmons Professor of Mormon Studies at the University of Utah. The joint statement and meeting marks another marker on the Mormon church's trajectory to being more willing to speak out forcefully against racism and white supremacy, he said.

"This is an indication they are willing to engage in racial justice for the future," Reeve said.

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Nelson didn't take questions from the media following his remarks. Johnson and other NAACP officials did take questions and were asked about the past Mormon ban on blacks in the priesthood.



Leon W. Russell, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, speaks to reporters following a news conference Thursday, May 17, 2018, in Salt Lake City. Top leaders from the NAACP and Mormon church are calling for greater racial harmony and mutual respect following the first official meeting between national leaders from the civil rights organization and Utah-based religion. (Photo: Rick Bowmer, AP)

Johnson said evolving organizations must be better at addressing's today's needs.

Leon W. Russell, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, spoke more directly about the ban and applauded the Mormon church's decision to celebrate the anniversary during a June 1 event in Salt Lake City with music planned.

"Any religious domination in the United States at some point had a history that included discrimination and repression of Africans in America so the recognition by this church that it needed to evolve needs to be celebrated," Russell said.

What the church has said about the ban

In 2013, the Mormon church posted an essay disavowing the ban and the reasons behind it, saying it was put into place during an era of great racial divide that influenced early teachings of the church.

The 2,000-word piece was the most comprehensive explanation of why the religion had previously had barred men of African descent from the lay clergy and was lauded by many as an important step in the religion's history. Others, though, wished it had gone further and included a formal apology.

An apology didn't happen Thursday, despite a fake news release posted on a website — made to look strikingly similar to the Mormon church's newsroom website — that included a made up apology from Nelson. Church officials declined to comment on the fabricated post that briefly got traction on social media. The religion's decision not to speak about the ban on Thursday isn't surprising, Reeve said. The religion prefers not to deal with its racial history before the ban was lifted, instead trying to turn the focus on what it is doing today to improve things.

'An opportunity to build a relationship'

The Utah-based religion doesn't provide ethnic or racial breakdowns of its members, but scholars say blacks make up a small portion of the 16-million member global faith.

Among the 6.6 million Mormons in the U.S., blacks account for about 3 percent of members, according to the Pew Research Center and independent Mormon researcher Matt Martinich.

Globally, Latter-day Saints of primarily African descent account for about 6 percent of members, Martinich said.

Russell, of the NAACP, said that there hasn't been bad blood between his organization and the Mormon church, but rather a lack of any connection.

"This gives an opportunity to build a relationship and to start a dialogue," Russell said.■