



NAACP Creek Connection September 2018 Newsletter



SC State Conferences, NAACP Annual Convention & Civil Rights Conference

October 11th -14th. Location: North Charleston, SC, Conference Headquarters North Charleston Marriott Hotel
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2018 Biennial Branch Elections

Each even numbered year all NAACP Branches are required to hold official elections to determine the elected officers for the upcoming 2-year term.

At the September meeting the branch will elect a Nominating Committee that will prepare a list of recommended officers to be presented during the October meeting. The Nominating Committee, is to be composed of not less than 5 members or more than 15 members, no more than 20 of these individuals shall be Officers and/or member of the Executive Committee.

At the October Meeting the Nominating Committee presents its report, after which nominations are received from the floor, the Chair or a member of the Nominating Committee; no officer of the Branch or any candidate for office shall chair the nominating process. Any member in good standing may choose to present a petition and consent form to run for any branch office. For the purpose of being certified as an eligible candidate one must have been a bona fide member of the Branch by April 1st, as well as live and/or work in the jurisdiction of the Branch. After which the Election Supervisory Committee shall be elected. Please note: all questions regarding the eligibility of candidates must be resolved prior to the conclusion of the October meeting.

Only those individuals who will have been on the local member roll for 30 days or more may vote, or receive and cast a ballot during any of these election meetings. No proxy or absentee voting is allowed. Kindly refer to the [Branch Election Procedure Manual](#) for additional guidelines.

November Election The number of eligible voters shall be determined established before voting begins. Polls shall be open for at least 4-hours, any one in line at the time polls close must be allowed to vote. Once all voting has been completed shall the tallying of ballots start.

Standing committee chairpersons are not elected, they are appointed with approval of the executive committee during the new term which begins on January 1, 2019.□

VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT. BECAUSE THEY DO!

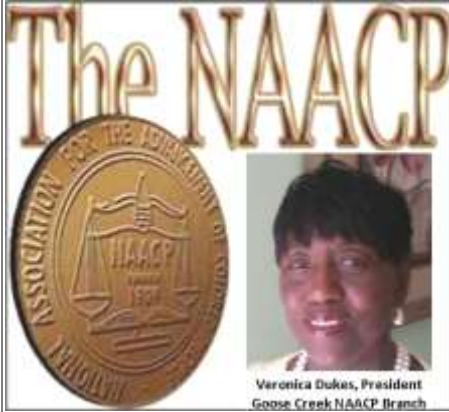
Next Litter Pickup is 8 - 11 A.M. Saturday, September 8, 2018 Please join us

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THE NAACP IS TODAY

JOIN TODAY



Veronica Dukas, President
Goose Creek NAACP Branch



Goose Creek NAACP Upcoming Monthly Branch Meetings

7 - 8 PM Monday September 24, 2018
7 - 8 PM Monday October 22, 2018

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

For more information and to confirm meeting call 843-425-9098

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Officers

PresidentVeronica Dukas
1st VPBrenda Bines
2nd VPArnold Michel
Secretary.....Lavonne Holbert
Treasurer.....Marsha L. Hassell

Executive Committee Members

Jackie Adams
Barbara Bodison
Herbert Bodison
Willie Brooks
James Dukas
Kenneth Harris
Orville Hayes
Sharina Haynes
Dennis James
Thomas Lanier
Shirley Martin
Claire Jefferson-Norwood
Rev. Henry Orr
Billy Parker
Cynthia Peterbark
Wesley Peterbark
Charles Schuster
Roscoe Singetary
Christine Walker
Van Williams

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

Guest Speaker

Saturday
OCTOBER 6, 2018
At
Crowne Plaza Hotel
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd
N. Charleston, SC 29418



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

Cocktails - 5:45pm - 6:30pm

Seating at 6:30pm

Tickets \$60

DINNER | ATTIRE: BLACK TIE

For ticket purchases and more information contact:
Shirley Martin (843)-607-1750 or Lavone Holbert (843) 513-3769



**BECOME
A MEMBER**

JOIN



Hear Dr. Jeffery Robinson on Race and History



With deepest sympathies and our most sincere condolences, we share the announcement of the passing of Lady Adrienne Thompson White, wife of the former National Field Director, Reverend Charles White. The list of services honoring her Homegoing is attached below:

Nationally recognized leader on criminal and racial justice, Dr. Jeffery Robinson, ACLU Deputy Legal Director and Director of the Trone Center for Justice and Equality, will speak in Charleston

**September 20, 2018 6 p.m.
at
Burke High School Auditorium
244 President St.
Charleston, SC 29403.**

The evening is open to the community free of charge.

Mr. Robinson will speak about racial history, its influence on our times, and reasons truth in history is critical to democracy. Among other things, he will explore the roots of white supremacy dating back to the early 1600s and review the state of race in 2018 to create an understanding of moving forward in America with fairness and equity. He will use film clips and news reel excerpts to weave a compelling presentation.

He will be hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area with the help of the ACLU of South Carolina, the College of Charleston, and the Charleston Branch of the NAACP.

Charleston Mayor John C. Tecklenburg will close the evening announcing plans for the city's continuing work on social justice and racial equity. That commitment was formalized June 19 when Charleston City Council acknowledged and apologized for the city's role in slavery. ■

Services Honoring
Lady Adrienne Thompson White

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Service of Grace & Glory
Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church
2334 Herman Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208
1:00 PM

Friday, September 7, 2018
Service of Remembrance
Mother Easter Baptist Church
1400 W. Central Avenue
Moultrie, Georgia 31768
10:00 AM

Saturday, September 8, 2018
Celebration of Life
St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church
7113 SC Highway 162
Hollywood, South Carolina 29449
11:00 AM

Entombment
Wesley United Methodist Church Cemetery
SC Highway 162
Hollywood, South Carolina 29449

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Hollywood, South Carolina 29449

ENTOMBMENT: Westley UMC Cemetery, SC Highway 162
Hollywood, SC

Gestures of sympathy will be received by the family at:
225 Twelve Stones Crossings
Goodlettsville, TN 37072



**Political Action Committee
David Cakley, Chairperson**



"This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on." — Thurgood Marshall



Important Election Dates: General Election

- Last day to register to vote in person Friday, October 5, 2018 by 5:00pm
- Last day to register to vote online/by fax/email Sunday, October 7, 2018 by 11:59pm
- Last day to register to vote by mail (must be postmarked by this date) Tuesday, October 9, 2018
- Deadline to apply for an absentee by mail ballot for General Election Friday, November 2, 2018 by 5:00pm You can vote absentee by mail or in person

For more information, check: www.scvotes.org/election-calendar
Election Day Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Polls open from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter Identification

Will I be asked to show a photo ID to vote in person? Yes, if you vote in person, you will be asked to provide one of the following photo IDs:

- Current and valid South Carolina DMV-issued driver's license;
- Current and valid South Carolina DMV-issued (nondriver's) photo ID card;
- Current and valid South Carolina voter registration card with photo; • Current and valid federal military ID; or
- Current and valid U.S. passport.

If you have one of these photo IDs, be sure to bring it with you to the polling place. Registered voters can get a "free" voter registration card that includes their photo from their county voter registration and elections office.

For more information, call the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060 or visit: [http:// www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org).

What if I don't have an accepted photo ID? You can vote in person by provisional ballot without a photo ID if you have a reason why you do not have an accepted photo ID. South Carolina's photo ID law contains a "reasonable impediment" exception that recognizes the many reasons why you may not have a photo ID, including that:

- You are disabled or ill;
- You have a conflict with your work schedule;
- You lack transportation and/or money to get to the county election office or DMV;
- You do not have a copy of your birth certificate;
- You have family responsibilities;
- You have a religious objection to being photographed; or
- There is another obstacle that YOU find reasonable.

How do I vote in person without a photo ID based on a "reasonable impediment"? To vote in person without a photo ID based on a "reasonable impediment," follow these four steps:

- 1) inform the poll managers that you do not have a photo ID and could not get one;
- 2) present your current, non-photo voter registration card;
- 3) sign an affidavit identifying yourself and your reason for not having an accepted photo ID; and
- 4) cast a provisional ballot.

Will my provisional ballot be counted if I do not have a photo ID because of a "reasonable impediment"? The provisional ballot that you cast is presumed valid and will be counted unless the county election office has reason to believe that your affidavit is false.

What if I forget to bring my photo ID to the polls? You can still cast a provisional ballot. However, for



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your vote to count, you must provide one of the accepted photo IDs to the county election office in person prior to certification of the election (usually the Thursday or Friday after the election).

Common Potentially Discriminatory Voting Changes

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) is closely monitoring how places, like South Carolina, that were formerly protected by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act are responding to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, which immobilized that provision.

Accordingly, we encourage you to let us know of any voting changes that are planned in your area that you believe may negatively impact your community by emailing LDF at vote@naacpldf.org.

These potentially discriminatory voting changes might include: changing polling hours and locations;

- reducing the number of polling places;
- changing or eliminating early voting days and/or hours;
- replacing district voting with at-large elections; implementing onerous registration qualifications like proof of citizenship;
- and purging qualified voters from registration lists.

Voting Information

When are the polls open? Polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside the polling place when the polls close.

Where do I vote? You must go to the polling place to which you are assigned, which should be listed on the voter registration card that you received in the mail after you registered.

How do I verify my polling place? You can look up your polling place online at <http://www.scvotes.org> or by calling the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060.

What if I cannot stand in line or access the polling place because of age or disability? Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line because of a disability or because they are 65 years or older may vote in their vehicle (curbside voting). Poll managers will look for voters who seek to vote in their vehicles.

What if I need help? Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read and write may receive assistance in voting. The voter may choose anyone to assist their ballot, except for their employer, an agent of their employer, an officer of their union, or an agent of their union.

Can I bring literature to the polls? Yes, you can take written or printed election materials, including this guide, with you into the polling place as long as they are for your own use.

Can I wear campaign clothing to the polling place? No, you cannot wear campaign clothing, stickers, or buttons in your polling place unless you cover them up.

How can I verify that I am registered to vote? You should receive a voter registration certificate after you register to vote. You can verify your voter registration status online at <http://www.scvotes.org> or by calling the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060.

Can I register to vote if I have a felony conviction? If you have a felony conviction, your right to vote should automatically be restored if you have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole. This process can be complicated and require additional steps. For example, to cast a ballot, you must first submit a new registration application to your local county board of registration and election. Learn how to register to vote at <http://www.scvotes.org>.

Absentee Voting

Can I vote before Election Day? You can vote before Election Day by casting an absentee ballot either by mail or in person. To qualify for an absentee ballot, you must have a reason for not being able to vote on Election Day, including, but not limited to, because of your employment, vacation plans, if you are a student attending school outside of your county of residence, are 65 years or older, or have a physical disability. For a complete list of reasons that allow you to vote by absentee ballot, visit <http://www.scvotes.org> or call the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060.

How do I vote by absentee ballot in person? To vote by absentee ballot in person, visit your county voter registration office, complete an application for absentee ballot, and cast your absentee ballot. You may vote absentee in person up until 5:00pm on Monday, November 5, 2018 for the General Election. You will be asked to provide an acceptable form of photo ID to vote in person (see the other side of this card **for more details on South Carolina's ID requirement**).



Goose Creek Branch

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVACEMENT OF
COLORED PEOPLE**

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Veronica Dukes, President
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*Goose Creek Branch of the NAACP Requests Your Support
As a Sponsor of the 14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet*

The 14th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418.

This banquet is held annually to raise funds to support our community outreach initiatives. We are proud that we have sponsored scholarships, community forums, HIV AIDS Awareness and testing events, and donated funds for school supplies.

This is a great opportunity for you to participate as a sponsor, and you will receive full recognition at our 2018 Freedom Fund Banquet for your sponsorship.

We invite you to become a sponsor:

___ W. E. Dubois Sponsor Level - \$1,000 or more includes seating for 8, inclusion in the Press Release and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

___ Gold Sponsor - \$800.00 includes seating for 4 and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

___ Silver Sponsor - \$500.00 includes seating for 2 and Advertising Signage on the Crowne Plaza Electronic Marquee.

Donations - All amounts appreciated.

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

W. E. Dubois Sponsor - \$1000.00 or more \$ _____ **Gold Sponsor - \$800 \$ _____**

Silver Sponsor - \$500.00 \$ _____ **Donation - All Amounts Appreciated \$ _____**

Please make checks payable to: Goose Creek Branch NAACP

Thank You For Your Support!

Please contact Dr. Shirley P. Martin, 843-607-1750 or James Dukes, 843-425-9098 if you have any questions. □



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How do I vote by absentee ballot by mail? To vote by absentee ballot by mail, submit an application for an absentee ballot to your county voter registration office by mail, email, fax, or by hand. You can obtain this application by contacting your county voter registration office or by requesting one online at <http://www.scvotes.org>. A photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail.■

This information is a resource, not legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only and not as a substitute for or supplement to the legal advice necessary to address the specific concerns of any individual. Moreover, South Carolina may revise its laws after the publication of this card. Therefore, it is your responsibility to determine how all applicable laws concerning voter registration, voting, and the restoration of voting rights in South Carolina affect you.

Important Contact Information

South Carolina State Election Commission
(803) 734-9060



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The Family Unit, Inc.
2 Aubrey Circle
Sumter, SC 29153
Phone: (803) 968-3375

Problem Voting? Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE

ELECTING DELEGATES and ALTERNATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Delegates and alternates must be **elected** during a **general membership meeting, not by the executive committee**. Only delegates will be authorized to vote during the convention business sessions. Any member of your branch who is in good standing may be nominated and elected to serve as a delegate or alternate. The registration forms have been distributed via email. If you are unsure of the number of delegates you may register, confer with the branch secretary. Here is a brief refresher:

- Youth Units with 25 to 49 members have two (2) delegate slots and two (2) alternate slots
- **Branches or Youth Units with 50 to 100 members have four (4) delegates slots and four (4) alternate slots**
- Units with 101 to 499 members have six (6) delegate slots and six (6) alternate slots
- Units with 500 members may fill eight (8) delegate and alternate slots each. [*Refer to the By-laws for NAACP Units for Higher Member Numbers*]
- There are no established limits for observers or guests attending the convention□

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North Charleston, South Carolina

Theme: Defeat Hate, Vote this year!

Conference Headquarters

N Charleston Marriott Hotel - 843-747-1900



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

**Next Litter Pickup is
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Please join us.**

Call Mr. Schuster at 843-509-6027 to sign up



“While much of the NAACP's history is chronicled in books, articles, pamphlets, and magazines, the true "movement" lies in the faces - black, white, yellow, red, and brown - united to awaken the conscientiousness of a people and a nation.”



Become a Member

**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.**