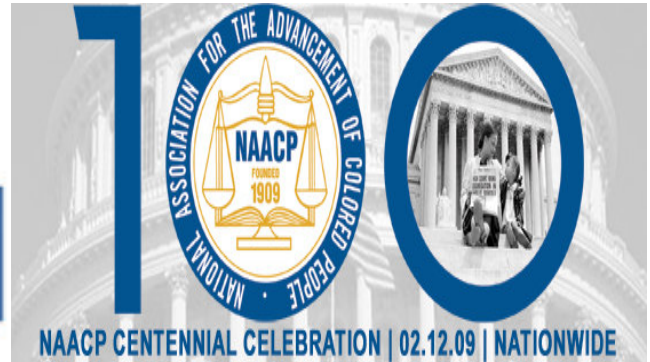


# Maryland State Conference NAACP e-Newsletter

SPECIAL ISSUE

NAACP AT 100 IN MARYLAND



Several branches of the MSC joined the national office on February 12, 2009, to commemorate our 100th anniversary! From Baltimore to Frederick, Elected officials and the general public paused for a moment to reflect on the last hundred years and projected what tomorrow may bring. With 1,700 units nationwide, hosting celebrations and observances throughout the year, it is reassuring to note that the accession of President Obama to the white House, though historic, is just another great and unprecedented milestone we should be proud of without necessary lowering our guards. The struggles should and will continue and we should forever remain vigilant. The Jim crows of today are difficult to detect. They are in our mist, resolved to derail all the progress achieved through the ultimate sacrifice of those who preceded us. Today, we are even more relevant than ever before. Our founding fathers & mothers made it possible to write Obama's story. We should keep on the fight so that 100 years from today, dozen of similar stories are written along side President Obama's story.

By Guy Djoken

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## A Notable Century of Struggle for the sole of America

One hundred years ago, on February 12, 1909, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded by Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard and William English Walling, a multiracial group of activists committed to bring about a real change in the country. For 100 years, the NAACP has built on the collective courage of thousands of people; people of all races, nationalities and faiths united on one premise—that all men and women are created equal. In 1935, NAACP lawyers Charles Houston and Thurgood Marshall won the legal battle to admit a black student to the University of Maryland. In 1946, The NAACP won the Morgan vs. Virginia case, where the Supreme Court banned states from having laws that sanction segregated facilities in interstate travel by train and bus. In 1954, under the leadership of Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP won one of its greatest legal victories in Brown vs. the Board of Education known as the “beginning of the end of segregation.” In 1955, NAACP member Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama— this is noted as the catalyst for the largest grassroots civil rights movement. In 1964, 55 years after the NAACP's founding, Congress pass the Civil Rights Act.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BRANCH NAACP FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM

On February 12, 2009 at 7pm, the Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP held a Founder's Day Celebration at Asbury Broadneck Methodist Church in Annapolis MD to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NAACP. The guest speaker, Delegate Emmett C. Burns Jr., delivered an exceptional speech that carried the theme of the program, Honoring Our Past, Building Change for Our Future.

Among those in attendance was AACo Council member, Honorable Daryl Jones; AACo. Democratic Central Committee member, Honorable Christine Davenport, AACo. Director of Civil Rights, Attorney Generals Office, Carl Snowden; President of the Maryland State Conference NAACP Gerald Stansbury and Special Assistant for Minority Affairs, Yevola Peters. Also in attendance was the President of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Representative fro the Office of Equity Assurance AACo. Public Schools and people from all parts of AACo. For more visit [www.naacp-aac.org](http://www.naacp-aac.org)

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### **BALTIMORE CITY BRANCH FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM**

The Baltimore City Branch had both a Birthday Celebration immediately followed by the viewing of the NAACP Image Awards on 2 huge screens. This event took place at Morgan State University - University Student Center. The President of the Morgan State University NAACP College Chapter served as Mistress of Ceremony. The Birthday party featured a huge strawberry shortcake, fruit, cheese and vegetable dips. The President of the Baltimore Council Stephanie Rawlings Blake, the C.E.O. of the Baltimore City Public School System Dr. Andres Alonso, the new NAACP National Membership Chair Andrea Brown Gee and Baltimore City Councilman Warren Branch joined the festivities. A significant number of members of the Howard County NAACP Branch were in attendance including MD State NAACP Conference Treasurer Vivian Cash. NAACP Pleasant Hope Baptist Church Youth Council President and Members were there along with the MSU chapter members. The entire program was videotaped and will appear on the NAACP Cable Television show next week.

Proclamations were received from over a dozen elected officials. Mayor Shelia Dixon, City Council President Rawlings Blake, The Baltimore City Delegation, Delegate Jill P. Carter, Senator Catherine Pugh, and the list goes on and on and on. Over 100 people attended even though Tyler Perry had a major play also at Morgan.

The branch has secured over \$41,000.00 in sponsorship to help with their year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary. Information on the numerous activities can be seen on either [www.naacpbaltimore.org](http://www.naacpbaltimore.org) and/or [www.naacpweare100.org](http://www.naacpweare100.org) The sponsor for the Birthday Celebration and NAACP Image Awards viewing was Johns Hopkins Medicine.

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### **FREDERICK COUNTY BRANCH CENTENNIAL DAY PROGRAM**

The Frederick County NAACP celebrated the 100th anniversary of the group with a Centennial Commemoration on Thursday evening at Café 611 in Frederick. The commemoration started with "Lift every voice and sing" Lead by Daryl Boffman, Frederick County Board of Education President followed by a Presentation of proclamations by Frederick City Alderwoman Marcia Hall & Frederick Police Col Chief Kim Dine, Honorable Jan Gardner, President Frederick Board of County Commissioners, Julianna M. Albowicz, Field Representative, U.S Senator Barbara Mikulski and Robin Summerfield, Field Representative, U.S Senator Benjamin Cardin who presented President Guy Djoken with an official Citation by the Maryland Governor as well as the joint proclamation by the United State Congress and Senate for the historic event. The 100 attendees listened from Seaven Gordon and Lord Nickens, past presidents of the branch and Mrs. Marnel S. King before tuning on to Fox channel for a live NAACP Image Awards from Los Angeles.

NAACP Centennial Coverage in Frederick County Maryland

NBC Video Link <http://your4state.com/content/fulltext/?cid=53631>

Newspost link <http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=86411>

The Special Birthday Cake was donated by Cosco.

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### **HARFORD COUNTY BRANCH CENTENIAL DAY PROGRAM**

Harford County was invited to participate on the Black Employment Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. They did this program in recognition of Black History Month. We kicked off our celebration with a display table full of information that persons passing by could pick up and discuss with us. In the center we had the information pertaining to the celebration of the NAACP 100th birthday. Our encouragement was to offer employees the opportunity to join and to be active in the organization with the goal to keep them as a vital part of the community. We gave out many membership applications and spoke with many who worked for the government as well as service people stationed at the Proving Grounds. We also presented a slide show of our MLK breakfast and program, our youth council, our last Freedom Fund Banquet and our ACT-SO program. Our president was interviewed by the APG news. She talked about the Centennial and our plans for the entire year as well as the work of the State and National office.

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