

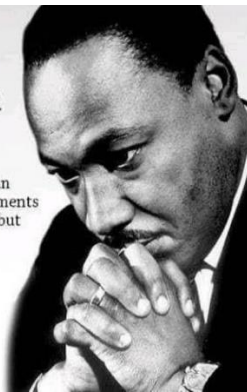


NAACP

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR (1929-1968)

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.



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Burlington County COVID-19 Testing Site Now Open in Willingboro

The Burlington County Covid-19 testing site is now located at the Willingboro Town Center: 4390 Route 130 North, Willingboro. The site is open to all those ages 5+ who live, work, or go to school in Burlington County. Appointments are encouraged at www.burlingtoncountyttesting.org. The location is in the Willingboro Town Center, 4390 Route 130 North

For questions or concerns call 609-265-5548.

Visit the Branch Website gdvnaacp.org

BRANCH MEETINGS
Third Thursday of each Month
ZOOM LINK

Register in advance ZOOM meeting:

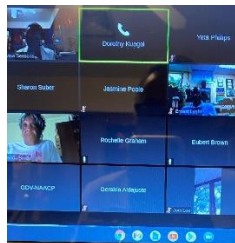
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Beginning the Year Looking Back While Moving Forward Together

As we begin a new year let's look back at last year. Greater Delaware Valley Branch continued to meet regularly during Pandemic Restricted in-person meetings. The Branch continued the mission of the NAACP throughout the year with events and programming. We stayed connected, with Zoom meeting, telephone and limited outdoor activities.



Throughout the year, Greater Delaware Valley Branch promoted Voter Registration initiatives with short videos shown at our Zoom monthly meetings

Vice President R. Sessions met with the other two Burlington County NAACP Officers to launch a Countywide Police Survey

Congratulations to our NJ U. S. Senators for their work on the American Rescue Plan, John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, For the People Act, and support for reforming the Filibuster.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LISTENING SESSION
Monday, Nov. 15, 2021
Tabernacle Baptist Church
150 E. Second St, Burlington, NJ 08016

On Nov. 15, President Sessions attended a Environmental Justice "Listening Session" on environmental harms in the Communities of Color.



Oct. 16, GDV's Freedom Fund Committee held an Indoor Yard Sale in Willingboro

On Oct. 9, the Branch joined Garden of Prayer Church for a Breast Cancer Victory Walk with a Voter Registration Drive



On Jun. 26, Members joined Garden of Prayer Church for Prayer Walk and conducted a Voter Registration Drive, greeted by Pemberton Borough Police Officers.



On Sept. 18-19, NAACP held a Virtual STATE CONFERENCE Greater Delaware Valley Branch elects 3 Delegates to attend.





READING NOOK

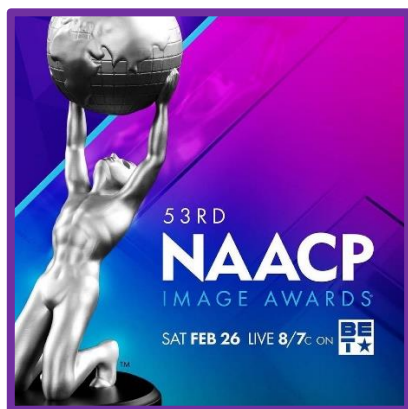
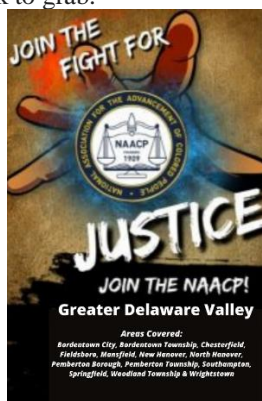
ANITA HILL



It's hard to nail down one single fix for issues of gender violence from the pages of "Believing." Dive in, dig around, surface for air, and dive in again – truth is, the whole entire book is one long roadmap, with dozens of possible patches.

And yet, you may ask yourself if what author Anita Hill quietly suggests is enough. Takeaways from the stories she shares are that gender violence and sexual harassment can be like a long game of Whack-a-Mole: once an incident is dealt with, another will pop up somewhere else, relentlessly, endlessly. Using the Thomas hearings as scaffolding here, she seems to show that while politics absolutely plays a part in the presence of harassment and gender violence in America, the prevalence can be found everywhere and costs us more than just psychologically.

Discouraging? Yes, and even Hill admits that such information can be triggering if you've been a victim, so read "Believing" with caution and deep-breathing room. It's powerful, deep, and raw but it's also highly informative. If you want to know where we're heading on this subject, it's the book to grab.



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July 8-14, NAACP National Convention held virtually. Greater Delaware Valley Branch elects 4 Delegates to attend

On June 17, the branch's Political Action & Criminal Justice Committees presented a

workshop on the process of Expungements. Ms. Rochelle McCann was the presentation speaker



On Mar. 18, Women's History Month Celebration: the Political Action Committee presented an historical look at Valiant Women. The program illustrated the strength of *Women Who Refused to Be Silenced*.



On Feb 27, Edwina Sessions, Branch President presented a workshop entitled *Guidelines for Having Conversations about Race* to the American Association of University Women.

On Feb. 18, the Black History Month Guest Speaker was Brian E. Turner, Esq. a Civil Rights Attorney speaking on Racial Disparities in Our Community. On December 17, 2020:

December Virtual Installation of Officers

Booster Shots Now Available for Everyone 12 and Older



12- through 15-year-olds are now eligible for a Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot. In addition, the Center for Disease Control now recommends that everyone ages 12 and older get a booster shot at five months after their two-dose series instead of after six months.

Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection against the virus and the ability to prevent infection with variants may decrease over time. Booster doses provide necessary protection against waning immunity.

The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19.

Booster shots are available to everyone 12 and older:

- Two months after their one-dose Johnson & Johnson shot, or
- Five months after their last Pfizer shot or Moderna shot

Civil Rights Icons Remembered



Sidney Poitier's roles put civil rights issues on the big screen and Desmond Tutu, was a man committed to justice and peace.



U.S. President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Freedom to veteran actor Sidney Poitier and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa during a ceremony at the White House in Washington Aug. 12, 2009. Archbishop Tutu died at age 90 on Dec. 26, 2021 and Sidney Poitier died at age 94 on Jan. 5, 2022.