



NAACP

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GET OUT THE VOTE



Initiative (GOTV)

July through October for information

Visit our website: gdvnaacp.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Voter Information for the State NJ

Call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)

The next General Election is November 2

Registration Deadline is October 12

Online Registration

<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>

Do we have your correct email address?
Please send to the Branch Secretary
dotrose1230@comcast.net

NJ VACCINE REGISTRATION
1-855-568-0545



COVID-19 Vaccination cards
can be laminated (free/with account)

STAPLES

555 High Street- Mt. Holly until July 31, 2021.

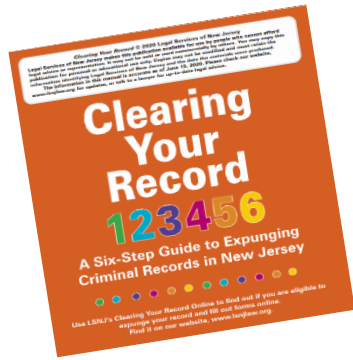
Juneteenth Federal Holiday signed
by President Biden on June 17, 2021



The 112th NAACP National Convention and 43rd National ACT-SO Competition

This year's NAACP National Convention will be hosted virtually from July 6 - 15, featuring social activists, industry leaders, and public servants discussing the actions and solutions necessary to improve, protect, and change our communities. In addition to the business meetings the agenda includes the ACT-SO youth programs. Several workshops will be available to the convention participants including Environmental and Climate, Racism is Killing Us, Reimagining Policing and Public Safety, Black Mental Wellness, Unpacking Modern Day Voter Suppression, Advancing Racial Justice in Corporate America and Countering the Attack of Public Education

Based on the total member roster, Greater Delaware Valley Branch is allowed to be represented by four convention delegates. A special meeting of the branch was held to elect the delegates. This year the delegates are Edwina Sessions, Rhonda Sessions, Dorothy Kuegel, and Brenda Smith. All branch members are encouraged to register and join forums and workshops with leading policymakers, activists, and organizers. <https://www.naacpconvention.org/register>



EXPUNGEMENTS Clearing Your Record

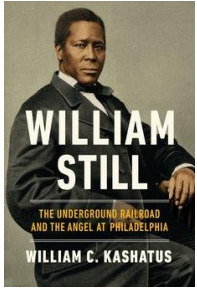
On June 17, the branch's Political Action & Criminal Justice Committees hosted a workshop on the process of Expungements. Ms. Rochelle McCann, the presentation speaker explained that expungements allow for the removal of criminal charges or convictions permanently.

Current data states that more than 2.3 million people are in prisons, jails and detention centers with people of color disproportionately represented. Additionally, there are far too many young people (17-24) with criminal arrests and/or convictions. The removal of a criminal record can eliminate barriers to employment, and improve financial and social status. Ms. McCann also said that currently only 6% of those eligible for expungements have petitioned the courts for this process. She urged the audience to spread the word about the process and provided a reference manual to each person that attended the workshop.

A special thank you to our guest host, Ms. Rochelle McCann



READING NOOK



The first full-length biography of William Still, one of the most important leaders of the Underground Railroad.

William Still: The Underground Railroad and the Angel at Philadelphia is the

first major biography of the free black abolitionist William Still, who coordinated the Eastern Line of the Underground Railroad and was a pillar of the Railroad as a whole. Based in Philadelphia, Still built a reputation as a courageous leader, writer, philanthropist, and guide for fugitive slaves. This monumental work details Still's life story beginning with his parents' escape from bondage in the early nineteenth century and continuing through his youth and adulthood as one of the nation's most important Underground Railroad agents and, later, as an early civil rights pioneer. Still worked personally with Harriet Tubman, assisted the family of John Brown, helped Brown's associates escape from Harper's Ferry after their famous raid, and was a rival to Frederick Douglass among nationally prominent African American abolitionists. Still's life story is told in the broader context of the anti-slavery movement, Philadelphia Quaker and free black history, and the generational conflict that occurred between Still and a younger group of free black activists led by Octavius Catto.

Unique to this book is an accessible and detailed database of the 995 fugitives Still helped escape from the South to the North and Canada between 1853 and 1861.

Won't it be wonderful when Black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.

— Maya Angelou



Letters to our Senators Urging Action

Greater Delaware Valley Branch NAACP sent letters to our NJ Senators The Honorable Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez. The letter writing campaign was to urge the senators to support the vital measures of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is the first-ever bold, comprehensive approach to hold police accountable, end racial profiling, change the culture of law enforcement, empower our communities, and build trust between law enforcement and our communities by addressing systemic racism and bias.

The Justice in Policing Act would: 1) establish a national standard for the operation of police departments; 2) mandate data collection on police encounters; 3) reprogram existing funds to invest in transformative community-based policing programs; and 4) streamline federal law to prosecute excessive force and establish independent prosecutors for police investigations.

NAACP Civil Rights and Advocacy Training Series continues. Please take advantage of this opportunity for information.

NAACP Field Operations & Membership

Medger Evers Civil Rights & Advocacy Training Institute 2021 TRAINING SERIES



Link to Access the NAACP Training Folder

Get access to Slide Decks and Video's for previous NAACP Training series. <https://tinyurl.com/NAACPTraining>



GDV at Prayer Walk

Members were invited by the Garden of Prayer Church in Pemberton to join their 2nd. Annual Prayer Walk with Pastor Staci E. Williams. The Walk held June 26 at the Pemberton Borough



Field included vendors and live entertainment. The Pemberton Borough Police Department cordially greeted at the event. Brenda Smith and Edwina Sessions setup a membership and voter registration table.

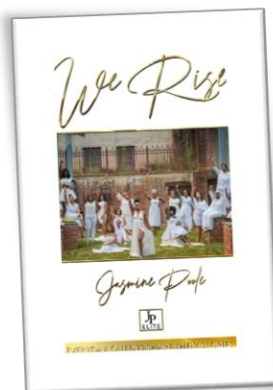
Congratulations to our Membership Chair/Assistant Secretary, Sharon Suber, as she becomes the President of the Willingboro Branch of the American Association of University Women. Edwina Sessions. Branch President continues in her role a AAUW's State Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.



Everyday Queens Share their Stories

Three GDV-NAACP members are featured in this amazing Summer Read: Jasmine Poole the author, Rochelle Graham and Rhonda Sessions.

Book Release Brunch will be August 7, 2021



Voter Registration Drive

GDV-NAACP members will be conducting a voter registration drive at the Pemberton Township WATER CARNIVAL Saturday, July 10, 2021
See website for more information