



# NAACP

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## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

### October 18

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election

### October 29 - November 6

Early Voting Period

### November 1

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

### November 4

Deadline for Application to Receive General Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

### November 7 by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

### November 8

General Election  
Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the General Election

Deadline for In-Person Submission of General Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

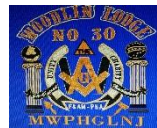


## School Supplies Giveaway

### & Voter Registration Drive

On Sunday, August 28, 2022, Greater Delaware Valley Branch joined Woodlin Lodge #30 at their Annual Family and Friends Day The event was held at the lodge’s location in Bordentown. The branch members distributed school supplies to the children who attended the event. In addition to the school supplies, the Branch set up a table to mobilize the community to vote. The members encouraged new registrations and informed registered voters of the election process and deadlines.

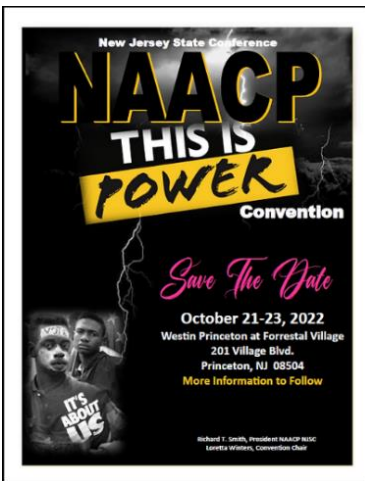
*Woodlin Lodge #30 is an organizational life member of the branch.*



## New Jersey State Annual Conference

### October 21 - 23

The New Jersey State Conference, which will reflect the National theme of “This is Power” will conduct a three-day state convention at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village in Princeton. Registration fees are \$50.00. Branch convention delegates are: Edwina Sessons, President; Rhonda Sessons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Brenda Smith, Treasurer & Cleophus Robinson, executive committee member. Alternates are: Leathia Brown and Tanya Sessons, both on the executive committee.



## Bringing the Bible to Life on Stage

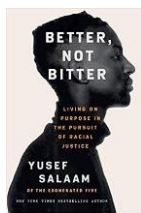
Branch members and friends enjoyed a fall bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster County, PA, to see the story of David. A continental breakfast was provided on the bus. Lunch dining and shopping was at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord also in Lancaster. This was the main fundraiser for the Branch this year.





## READING NOOK

This inspirational memoir serves as a call to action from prison reform activist Yusef Salaam, of the Exonerated Central Park Five, that will inspire us all to turn our stories into tools for change in the pursuit of racial justice.



### *They didn't know who they had.*

So begins Yusef Salaam telling his story. No one's life is the sum of the worst things that happened to them, and during Yusef Salaam's seven years of wrongful incarceration as one of the Central Park Five, he grew from child to man, and gained a spiritual perspective on life. Yusef learned that we're all "born on purpose, with a purpose." Despite having confronted the racist heart of America while being "run over by the spiked wheels of injustice," Yusef channeled his energy and pain into something positive, not just for himself but for other marginalized people and communities.

*Better Not Bitter* is the first time that one of the now Exonerated Five is telling his individual story, in his own words. Yusef writes his narrative: growing up Black in central Harlem in the '80s, being raised by a strong, fierce mother and grandmother, his years of incarceration, his reentry, and exoneration. Yusef connects these stories to lessons and principles he learned that gave him the power to survive through the worst of life's experiences. He inspires readers to accept their own path, to understand their own sense of purpose. With his intimate personal insights, Yusef unpacks the systems built and designed for profit and the oppression of Black and Brown people. He inspires readers to channel their fury into action, and through the spiritual, to turn that anger and trauma into a constructive force that lives alongside accountability and mobilizes change.

This memoir is an inspiring story that grew out of one of the gravest miscarriages of justice, one that not only speaks to a moment in time or the rage-filled present, but reflects a 400-year history of a nation's inability to be held accountable for its sins. Yusef Salaam's message is vital for our times, a motivating resource for enacting change. *Better, Not Bitter* has the power to soothe, inspire and transform. It is a galvanizing call to action.

## Meetings In-Person at a NEW Location

Greater Delaware Valley Branch NAACP is back to in-person meetings as they begin to conduct the 2022 Branch Election process. The new location is St. Paul United Methodist Church in Mount Holly. The meetings will continue to begin at 7:00 pm.



At the September meeting, Assistant Secretary, Sharon Suber gave out information and instructions on using the NAACP's voter tools and the League of Women Voter's Vote411 tool. She stated that this election is an important one for every registered voter.

### Register to Vote



<https://bit.ly/GDVVOTE>



### Verify Your Registration



<https://bit.ly/3mGRDu9>

## Mark Your Calendar

All Greater Delaware Valley Branch members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Branch Elections on **Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM** at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 244 Washington Street, Mount Holly. The branch is electing officers and members of the executive committee.



## Burlington County Offering Flu Shots

With the start of the seasonal flu season and the danger of overlapping infections of influenza and COVID-19, health officials are encouraging residents to obtain their seasonal flu vaccine as soon as possible.

*The schedule for upcoming flu clinics is as follows:*

- Oct. 13 11:30AM-1:30PM Wrightstown Volunteer Fire Co. 21 Saylor's Pond Rd, Wrightstown
- Oct. 13 3PM-5PM Keegan Center 522 Wood St, Burlington City
- Oct. 20 9AM-11AM Evesham Fire Dept. 26 East Main St, Evesham
- Oct. 20 2PM-4:30PM Palmyra Cove Nature Center 1335 Route 73 South, Palmyra
- Oct. 27 10AM-12PM Palmyra Community Center 30 West Broad St, Palmyra
- Oct. 27 3PM-5PM Florence Municipal Building 711 Broad St, Florence
- Oct. 29 10AM-2PM Burlington Twp. Municipal Building 851 Old York Rd, Burlington Twp.
- Nov. 3 10AM-12PM Shamong Twp. Municipal Building 105 Willow Grove Rd, Shamong
- Nov. 10 10AM-12PM Carlslake Community Center 207 Crosswicks St, Bordentown
- Nov. 10 2PM-4PM Medford Twp. Municipal Building 49 Union St, Medford
- Nov. 17 10AM-12PM The Gibson House 535 East Main St, Evesham
- Nov. 17 2PM-4PM Fire Station 431 76 Hawkin Rd, Tabernacle
- Dec. 1 2PM-4PM Burlington County Health Dept. 15 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton
- Dec. 8 10AM-12PM Burlington County Health Dept. 15 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton
- Dec. 15 2PM-4PM Burlington County Health Dept. 15 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton
- Dec. 29 10AM-2PM Burlington County Health Dept. 15 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton
- Jan. 3 10AM-12PM Burlington County Health Dept. 15 Pioneer Blvd, Westampton