

BRANCH MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each Month at 7PM **ZOOM LINK**

Register in advance ZOOM meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting /register/tZwrdOCgpzkiHtS7f nSUq

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OR

Phone in 1-929-205-6099

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Executive Board Meetings

April 21, 2022

August 18, 2022

December 15, 2022

They will start at 6:30 PM and include all officers, executive committee members, standing committee chairs and members that wishes to attend.

Branch Leadership

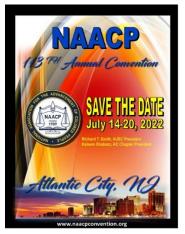
Officers

President: Edwina B. Sessons 1st. Vice President: Rhonda M. Sessons 2nd. Vice President: Rochelle Graham Secretary: Dorothy R. Kuegel Assistant Secretary: Sharon Suber Treasurer: Brenda Hicks-Smith

Executive Committee

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New Jersey to Host the National **Convention in Atlantic City**



Jul 14 2022 - Jul 20 2022

For the first time in 50 years the National Convention will be held in Atlantic City. The 113th Annual Convention is the perfect tool to help us achieve our goal of strengthening civil rights and every form of socio-economic equality. The event will feature educational content and serves as a forum in establishing programs and policies for the following year. There will be a vaccination mandate. Convention hotels will include: Borgata, Ocean, Hardrock, Caesars, and the Tropicana. Registration

information will be forthcoming.

GDV Officers Attend Mansfield Township

School Board Meeting

On February 22nd, Branch President, Edwina Sessons and 2nd Vice President, Rochelle Graham attended the Northern Burlington County Regional School Board meeting. They challenged the members to address the benefits of diversity in the wake of a board member of color cited for a recall of her election in 2020.



View the meeting recording on YouTube. https://youtu.be/yHicbed-D44



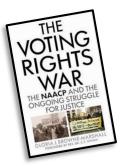
NAACP Supports Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

On March 18th, the NAACP sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, strongly urging support for

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Leon W. Russell, NAACP Board of Directors, Chair stated "In the 232-year history of the Supreme Court, this is a monumental first. The NAACP's efforts to monitor appointments to the Court date back almost one hundred years. Just as we embraced Thurgood Marshall's appointment to the Court in 1967 with celebration and pride, we are thrilled by this powerful opportunity to expand representation on the Court and appoint a justice like Judge Jackson who is committed to fundamental fairness and equal justice."



READING NOOK



This book tells the story of the struggle to achieve voting equality through more than one hundred years of work by the NAACP at the Supreme Court.

Readers take the journey for voting rights from slavery to the *Plessy v*. *Ferguson* case that legalized segregation in 1896 through today's conflicts around voter suppression. The NAACP brought important cases to the Supreme Court that challenged obstacles to voting: grandfather clauses, all-White primaries, literacy tests, gerrymandering, vote dilution, felony disenfranchisement, and photo identification laws.

This book highlights the challenges facing African Americans, the brave work of NAACP members, and the often-contentious relationship between the NAACP and Supreme Court. This book shows the human price paid for the right to vote and the intellectual stamina needed for each legal battle. The Voting Rights War follows conflicts on the ground and in the courtroom, from post-slavery voting rights and the formation of the NAACP to its ongoing work to gain a basic right guaranteed to every citizen.

Whether through litigation, lobbying, or protest, the NAACP continues to play an unprecedented role in the battle for voting equality in America, fighting against prison gerrymandering, racial redistricting, the gutting of the Voting Rights Act, and more. *The Voting Rights War* highlights the NAACP's powerful contribution and legacy.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Mega-Site Reopens in a New Location



The Burlington County COVID-19 Vaccine Mega-Site has reopened in a new location in Mount Laurel. To schedule a vaccine appointment, go online line to

https://www.virtua.org/services/mega-site-faqs

Note: Individuals who have already received a first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and require a second dose to complete the series should select the "booster" option.



Order Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests from the Postal Service



https://special.usps.com/testkits

Residential households in the U.S. are eligible for 2 orders of 4 free athome tests on USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of 2 orders per residential address
- Each order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free as tests are received from manufacturers



Voters to Determine Candidates for Seats in the US House of Representatives

KEY PRIMARY DATES

May 17 Voter Registration Deadline
\June 3 Early in-person voting begins

June 6 Last day to submit vote-by-mail request in person

June 7 Primary Election

Toll-free hotline - 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)
The June 7th Primary Election will determine which candidates appear on the November General Election ballot for seats in the US House of Representatives.

New Jersey's Third Congressional District encompasses most of Burlington County and parts of Ocean County, including 53 municipalities. **Congressman Andy Kim** represents the Third Congressional District of New Jersey.

GDV Black History Month and Women's History Month Programs

In February, the Community Coordination Committee featured live & video guest speakers from different generations (*Gen Z, Millennial, Gen X and Baby Boomers*) responding to questions on politics, race and the ongoing struggles facing African Americans in our Society. The program was moderated by Rhonda M. Sessons.

In March, *Stony the Road We Trod* was a discussion of Black Women and the Suffrage Movement. The program was a biographical presentation of some of the women involved in the Suffrage and Civil Right Movements. The Political Action Committee presented the program hosted by Rochelle Graham.