



NAACP Madera Newsletter #01 | February 2023

Branch President's Message

As your new Branch President I am humbled to be a small part of such a historic organization with a strong legacy of advocating for civil rights. I am filled with excitement about what is in store for the Madera branch. I'd like to thank former President Brown for her commitment to keeping this branch going for many years. I am focused on increasing our community presence, building strong partnerships, and expanding membership. Together, I know we can build this branch into a strong force for good in this community.



Stephanie Nathan,
Branch President

Introducing Our New Officers

Meet the newly elected and/or appointed officers for our branch:

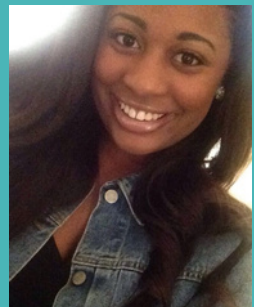
- Yvonne Neely, Vice President: Mrs. Neely has lived in Madera for 43 years. She is part of the NAACP to make a difference in her community by helping everyone become the person that God created them to be. She's been a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church for 33 years & has been the superintendent of Sunday school for 28 years. She has a BA in Theology and has written Sunday school books for 10 years. She is president of a parent club at Madera South HS that she started club in 2019. Her hobbies are learning to play the piano and sewing.
- Imogene Ollison, Treasurer: Mrs. Ollison was born and raised in Oakland, Ca. She's been married 46 years with two children and five grandchildren. She is retired law enforcement and enjoys family, traveling and games.
- Tiara Munoz, Secretary: Mrs. Munoz has been in Madera since October 2019. She joined the NAACP because it's an illustrious organization that has been pivotal in the fight toward systemic changes and justice not only Black people but for everyone. Tiara wants to be connected to a group such as this especially since her hometown is in Tennessee. Her biggest hobbies are reading and spending time with my children and husband.



Yvonne Neely



Imogene Ollison



Tiara Munoz

Black History Month Across Madera

February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, a time to celebrate the history and achievements of Black Americans. On February 1st, the city of Madera recognized February as Black History Month and recognized Alisha Brown, CEO of Project Run for her efforts to give back to the community. On Tuesday, February 7th, the Madera County Board of Supervisors, led by Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez also proclaimed February 2023 as Black History Month in partnership with the Madera NAACP.

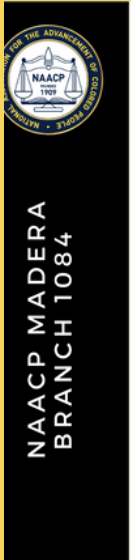


Madera NAACP Networking Mixer

The Madera NAACP Branch is excited to be hosting a networking mixer on February 28th at 5:30 pm. Come socialize and mix and mingle with fellow community-minded folks in Madera. Please share and invite others.

- Price: \$10 for non-members
- Free to members

RSVP/purchase tickets in advance <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/543258319257>



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH NETWORKING MIXER

Meet and mingle with other community-minded individuals & get to know the local NAACP branch.

Tuesday, February 28th
5:30-7:30pm

San Joaquin Valley Winery
21801 Ave. 16 Madera, CA 93637

Appetizers - Wine - Raffles - Conversation

FREE FOR MEMBERS!
\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS
OPEN TO ALL!

To RSVP or for more information contact
1084maderanaacp@gmail.com.
To join visit <https://naacp.org/join-naacp/become-member>
and select Madera Branch 1084



- Feb 19th: Black Saints United and City of Madera are hosting, "What Going On," at McNally Park.
- Feb 24th: African American Historical and Cultural Museum will be honoring city of Madera Councilwoman Anita Evans among others in Fresno.
- Feb 26th: Madera Coalition for Community Justice is hosting a BHM celebration at Madera South HS.

Other Upcoming Black History Month Events

Black Saints United and the City of Madera
Presents the 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration

"What's Going On"
Sunday, February 19 at 3-00 p.m.
McNally Park in Madera

Please Come Join Us...
Together We Stand, Divided We Fall,
With The LOVE Of Each Other, We Can Conquer It All

For more information call Councilwoman Anita Evans 903.305.1965

CELEBRATE

ROSA SAT
SO MARTIN COULD WALK

MARTIN WALKED
SO OBAMA COULD RAN

OBAMA RAN
SO OUR CHILDREN COULD FLY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month Celebration

2023

Sponsored by abc 30

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL & CULTURAL MUSEUM

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

JOIN US FOR THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

HONORING OUR LOCAL TRAILBLAZERS

BRENDA BUCKINGHAM
DR. ARRIE SMITH
DR. CRYSTAL JACKSON
HONORABLE ANITA EVANS
HONORABLE KIMBERLY TAPSCOTT-MUNSON
JUDGE GLENDA ALLEN HILL
LARRY CORMIER
PASTOR BT LEWIS
PROFESSOR THOMAS-WHIT ELLIS
JESSE MCDONALD JR. AWARD: RODNEY MURPHY
SHINING STAR AWARD: RYAN MCCLARTY
PASSING THE TORCH AWARD: SHANTAY DAVIES-BALCH

"What we do today is tomorrow's history"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023
6:00PM-9:30PM

Location: 1st Class Events and Designs
1028 N. Fulton St., Fresno, CA

\$100 Per Ticket
Early Bird Special Until January 15, 2023.
\$200 Per Ticket After January 15, 2023.

I AM A REVOLUTIONARY!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEB 26 **12-4 PM**

Location: Madera South High School
705 W Pecan Ave

Featuring live music, art, open mic, food, and vendors.

For more information, please call (559) 661-1879

Founders Day & Membership Drive

February 12 marks the NAACP's 114th Founders Day. This month, we celebrate 114 years of dedication, resilience, and impact. Since 1909, the NAACP has been committed to fighting for change and advancing justice to help Black America thrive in business, economics, and more.

February 12th also kicks off our membership drive. **Are you a member?** An adult annual membership is only \$30/year and is open to anyone who lives or works in Madera County. To join <https://naacp.org> and be sure to **select Madera Branch 1084-B** or email us at 1084maderanaacp@gmail.com

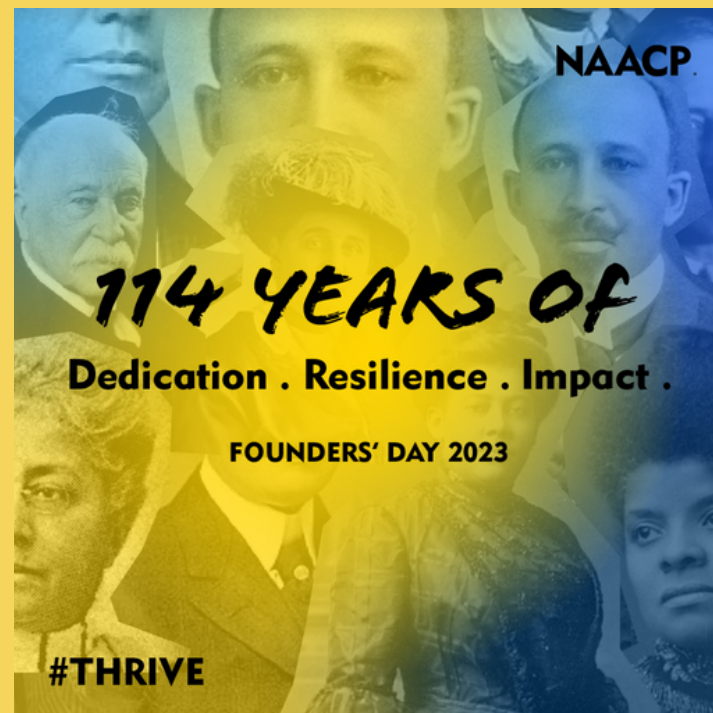
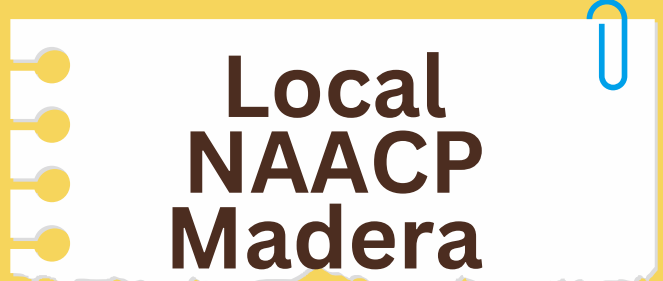
Recruiting: Executive Team and Committee Chairs!

The NAACP Madera Branch is looking to fill several open leadership slots that will help set the strategic direction of the branch.

Open positions include:

- Communication Chair
- Education Chair
- Economic Development Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Health Chair
- Housing Chair
- Political Action

Student Internships are also available!



NAACP General Meetings

NAACP Madera General Membership Meetings take place the **3rd Thursday** of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 16th at 6pm**. We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to **invite a friend**.

- Location: Meadows Clubhouse: 1218 E. Cleveland Ave.
- Time: 6pm

Welcome New Members

NAACP Madera Branch is proud to welcome our newest unit members:

Benjamin Harrow
Caroline Harrow
Tiara Munoz

Justice for Tyre Nicols

From the NAACP Weekly News Update: We've waited for far too long for meaningful federal legislation from Congress. In the meantime, many more Black lives have been lost at the hands of police officers. On Jan. 26, multiple former Memphis police officers were charged with the murder of 29-year-old Tyre Nichols – but true justice requires more accountability.

Join us in demanding that Congress take swift action by passing legislation on police reform to end the horrors of police brutality and reform our criminal justice system.

Sign the Petition



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Breonna Taylor . George Floyd . Freddie Gray
Daunte Wright . Jayland Walker . Donovan Lewis
Alton Sterling . Eric Garner . Tamar Rice
Botham Jean . Mike Brown . Andre Hill
Daniel Prude . Elijah McClain . Ronald Greene
Javier Robinson
Stephon Clark . Jordan Edwards . Philando Castile
Paul O'Neal . Dontre Hamilton . Bettie Jones
Samuel DuBose . Jonathan Sanders . Walter Scott
Eric Harris . Akai Gurley . Ezell Ford . Ki'Azia Miller
Greg Gunn . Keenan Anderson . Tyre Nichols

ENOUGH.

#POLICEREFORMNOW

NAACP Image Awards

Tune in for the awards ceremony when it airs on BET on Saturday, February 25 at 8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT. This year's show will be in front of a live audience at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, CA .



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