



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS BRANCH

One of the strengths of the Kankakee County NAACP is the ability to mediate differences and address complaints without the need for name calling and injecting racism into every disagreement that includes people of color. It has always been my belief as the President of the Kankakee County NAACP that our many years of service to the community should make it unnecessary to reply to the uninformed, unfounded and outright false statements of social media warriors who misrepresent and misinform the public. Recent statements concerning the NAACP, however, have caused me to stray from that belief.

Our organization addresses all complaints concerning discrimination that are received by our office. This is done by our direct involvement or by referrals to the appropriate governmental bodies, the Illinois Department of Human Rights or the Federal EEOC. These agencies have the power and are the proper venue to address discrimination complaints in the workplace and in education where most of our complaints originate. Many cases of perceived racism are the result of misunderstandings or honest differences of opinion between individuals. The abilities of our members to communicate with policy makers within our area and statewide will often bring a swift resolution to these issues without grandstanding or name calling.

Many of the actions, achievements and initiatives of our organization's committees are detailed in our 2017 Annual Report which is available online at KankakeeCountyBranchNAACP.org. Every month a detailed financial report is presented at our Executive Committee and financial reports are also presented at our monthly meetings. All funds received by the NAACP from any source are documented in these reports. These meetings are open to the public, even if you are not a dues paying member nor have you bothered to attend meetings under the guise of journalistic inquiry and integrity.

One of our many services is our free legal clinics held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. These clinics are currently staffed by three pro bono attorneys, David Baron, John Benson and Patrick O'Brien. For the information of those that perceive racism around every self-serving corner, these attorneys happen to be white. Further, current judges and the states attorney have staffed our legal clinic.

The Kankakee NAACP is proud to be one of the oldest and most active branches in the country. Since its inception the NAACP is a group that brings together peoples of all races, creeds and colors who have the common goal of addressing discrimination in all its forms by leveling the playing field for all people.

We are proud of the many achievements of our group and cognizant that much more work needs to be done. We invite everyone to attend our meetings and hopefully join us in our goal to eliminate discrimination in all its forms wherever it exists.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments and complaints.

Sincerely,

Theodis Pace

Theodis Pace, President, Kankakee County NAACP