

ROCKDALE COUNTY BRANCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER RCBNAACP@gmail.com

February 2025

MLK Breakfast Recap

Our annual MLK Breakfast was held on Monday, January 20th at Rockdale Career Academy. Over 300 attendees arrived to the cheers of RCPS high school cheerleaders and enjoyed the musical talents of Rockdale County High School's Jazz Band and Choir. Music flowed as they fellowshipped with other community members, leaders, and organizations over a delicious breakfast. Pastor Nicholas Curry from Peek's Chapel Baptist Church blessed attendees as the keynote speaker.

The branch extends its heartfelt gratitude to program participants and those who braced the cold to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We hope to see you at next year's event!

Read about the event in the Rockdale Citizen.

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NAACP MISSION

Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

NAACP VISION

We envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination. We are committed to a world without racism where Black people enjoy equitable opportunities in thriving communities.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

General Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm Piedmont Rockdale Hospital – Bldg. A Bring a family member, friend, or neighbor.

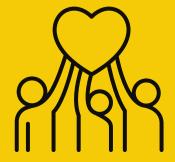
Pulse Check: Love Your Heart!

February 7, 2025 – 2:00 pm Piedmont Rockdale Hospital-Bldg. A

NAACP Founders Day!

February 12, 2025
Post a picture in your NAACP gear or
Blue and Gold and tag the branch's
Facebook page to honor the NAACP's
116th Founders Day!

Committee sign-up is now open until February 22, 2025! Check your email for instructions and the link!



FEBRUARY AWARENESS MONTH

Each month, we will highlight social and health awareness and initiatives. This month is:

- Black History Month
- Heart Health Month
- Cancer Prevention Month
- Children's Dental Health Awareness Month
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
- National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (2/7)



Political Action

This year is an election year in the City of Conyers. City residents will vote for Mayor and two (2) seats on the City Council in November. Please continue to monitor the Rockdale County Board of Elections and Voter Registration webpage for additional information. Remember your vote matters!

Economic Development

Are you familiar with the Conyers Rockdale Economic Development Council ("CREDC")? If not, now is your chance to learn how CREDC is "dedicated to promoting and enhancing economic development in all its forms, from industrial to commercial, institutional to retail, and residential." The council offers insightful demographic data on Rockdale County. Visit https://credcga.org/ for additional information.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a powerful and essential time that serves to honor the rich tapestry of contributions made by African Americans throughout the history of the United States. During this time, we reflect on the profound impact made in fields such as science, art, politics, and civil rights. From the groundbreaking inventions and literary triumphs to unwavering leadership and a historic presidency, the achievements of African Americans are both awe-inspiring and pivotal to the nation's progress. It is a time to educate the public, remember the sacrifices, and celebrate the resilience of our community.

Black History Month is more than just a retrospective commemoration; it is a call to action for all of us to persist in the fight for social justice and equality. The legacy of courage and perseverance demonstrated by figures like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Rosa Parks reminds us that the struggle for civil rights is ongoing. As we celebrate the successes and honor the past, we must also look towards the future with determination to eradicate systemic racism and promote inclusivity. Let us draw inspiration from the victories of those who came before us and commit ourselves to building a society where every individual's potential can be realized.

"You are not and yet you are: your thoughts, your deeds, above all your dreams still live."

-W. E. B. Du Bois in "The Autobiography of W. E. B. Du Bois" (1968)



NAACP FOUNDERS' DAY

On February 12, 2025, the NAACP celebrates its <u>116th Founders' Day!</u> Since 1909, the NAACP has been fighting for civil rights and social justice.

The NAACP continues to fight against racism, advocating for voter rights, economic justice, and environmental justice, with a legacy of resilience and transformation.

Learn more about the <u>NAACP's history</u>.

Be sure to wear your NAACP gear or blue and gold on February 12th. Remember that "The Fight Continues", so sign-up for a committee and get involved as we continue to fight for the Rockdale County community.









PULSE CHECK LOVE YOUR HEART

Join Us For Our National "GO RED DAY"

FEBRUARY 7, 2025 | 2:00PM - 6:00PM

PIEDMONT ROCKDALE HOSPITAL 1412 MILSTEAD AVENUE CONYERS, GA 30012



Scan the QR code to register!!







