



## **74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GEORGIA NAACP STATE CONVENTION**

### **OCTOBER 6-8, 2016**

### **ATHENS, GEORGIA**

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016**

- **NOON - Faith and Values Luncheon** - Leaders representing the major faith and religious movements in Georgia will break bread; review this past year's pertinent issues; and hear a message from the Rev. Dr. R. L. White, Senior Pastor of Atlanta's Mount Ephraim Baptist Church.
- **2:00 PM - Religious Leaders Roundtable** - An ecumenical round table which will explore the civil rights and social justice efforts within our respective work and broader questions of the responsibility of an Engaged Church moderated by Rev. William Flippin, Jr.
- **7:00 PM - Community Mass Meeting** at the First AME Church - a power packed night of praise, worship, and reflections on where we are in the quests for a just society. Elected, civic and community leaders will give remarks and the Rev. Lee May, CEO of DeKalb County will deliver the Ralph Mark Gilbert Lecture.

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016**

- **7:30 - 8:45 AM - Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Breakfast** (Ticketed Event) - The NAACP has long drawn its leadership from those who have defended this nation through the armed forces. This breakfast aims to honor both veterans and active military personnel along with highlighting the state and federal resources designated for this community. The Hon. Frank McClary, Mayor of Andrews, South Carolina will give the morning talk.
- **9:00 - 10:00 AM - Opening Business Session**
- **10:00 - 11:45 AM - Political Participation Discussion: Our Rights Matter | Our Vote Counts: The Good, Bad and Ugly - A Review of Post-Shelby Voting Rights.** This panel features leading lawyers and activists among others discussing the struggle to protect and expand the right to vote.
- **NOON - Walter C. Butler, Jr. Membership Luncheon** and Convention Keynote Address by the Hon. Michael Thurmond (Ticketed Event).
- **2:00 - 3:15 PM - Civic Engagement Training on the Association's National GOTV Plan** conducted by Charles Snow, National Civic Engagement Consultant.
- **3:30 - 5:00 PM - Voter Empowerment Phone Banking Session** conducted by Demetrius Fisher, Georgia NAACP Civic Engagement Coordinator.
- **6:00 - 9:00 PM - Life the Griot and Friends: | Morton's Theater** - The Georgia NAACP joins Life the Griot along with several of his friends to bring you a live show packed with poetry and music. All proceeds benefit the Chess and Community's youth group, the Classic City Knights, as they journey to

Ethiopia during the summer of 2017. While there, the Knights will visit many historical sites of global and cultural significance, engage in a chess tournament with local students, and develop a sustainable service learning project together with the guidance of program directors and community stakeholders.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

- **7:30 - 8:45 AM - Women in the NAACP Breakfast** (Ticketed Event) - This breakfast aims to highlight the integral role in the historical and contemporary pursuit of social justice advocacy through the NAACP. Business Law expert, Dr. Dawn Bennett Alexander will give the morning talk.
- **9:00 - 9:45 AM - Health and Wellness Session: Our Health Matters: | CPR Anytime Training** - Program conducted by the American Heart Association allows anyone to learn the core skills of CPR in just 20 minutes using their own personal kit. The kit contains everything needed to learn basic CPR, AED skills, and choking relief anywhere, from the comfort of your home to a large group setting.
- **9:00 - 10:15 AM - Criminal Justice and Legal Redress: Our Lives Matter | The Demand for Police Accountability** - In the wake of the continued killings of unarmed African Americans by police and the apparent absence of accountability; experts will discuss bold policy solutions aimed at eliminating this threat to domestic tranquility and improve community relations with law enforcement.
- **10:30 - 11:45 AM - Education: Our Votes Count | The Constitutional Question on OSD** - A conversation on Education assessing the pros and cons of Georgia's proposed Opportunity School District in the quest to secure high-quality public education for all of Georgia's children.
- **NOON - 80TH ANNIVERSARY YOUTH AND COLLEGE LUNCHEON** (Ticketed Event) - The NAACP Youth and College Division is marking its 80th Anniversary. Its membership of people 25 years old and younger has grown to about 70,000 in some 700 youth councils, high school chapters and college chapters across the country. Delegates will celebrate this grand occasion and hear updates on the Georgia NAACP's legislative agenda. Social Justice Activist, Alethea R. Bonello will give Luncheon Special Address.
- **2:00 - 2:50 PM - Legal Redress: Our Votes Count | Reviewing the Association's Voter Protection Plan** with Anson Asaka, Esq., Deputy General Counsel, NAACP.
- **3:00 - 3:50 PM - Economic Sustainability: Our Dollars Matter | Closing the Gap in Georgia's Housing Market** - According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, blatant acts of housing discrimination faced by people of color continue to decline, yet more subtle forms of housing denial stubbornly persist. Learn about strategies from private and government sector to close the gap.
- **4:00 - 5:00 PM - Closing Business Session**
- **7:00 PM - 74th Annual Freedom Gala** - The Georgia NAACP will close the Convention with a Gala featuring live music honoring Georgia's rich contribution to soul, blues and jazz and awards at the Classic Center. U.S. Congressman Hank Johnson will deliver the Gala Keynote Address.

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