

## THE ARUNDEL GREEN BOOK -

*Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP  
“supports local economic empowerment for all!”*

Jacqueline Allsup,  
AAC Branch President

### Fall 2020 Edition

## **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lies in State – Sept. 25, 2020**



*The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lies in State at the U.S. Capitol, September 25, 2020.*

We are saddened to learn of the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She was an American icon who transformed laws and policies for the betterment of society.

Many were surprised by news reports that even in death Justice Ginsburg was breaking barriers by being the first woman to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. This created some confusion for those of us who remembered the Rosa Parks' memorial at the U.S. Capitol. The distinction is that the late Rosa Parks, civil rights icon, is the first woman to “Lie in Honor” in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, and the late Justice Ginsburg is the first woman to “Lie

in State” in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda or National Statuary Hall. (See History, Art and Archives at [www.history.house.gov](http://www.history.house.gov).)

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi authorized Justice Ginsburg to lie in state, and Rosa Parks' presence to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda from October 30-31, 2005, was by House Congressional Resolution 107 of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session.



*Anne Arundel Co. NAACP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Claudia Barber meets Justice Ginsburg as District 4 Director of National Association of Women Judges in Washington, DC.*

There is much at stake to fill the vacancy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She left an indelible mark in history. Her dissent in the 2007 decision *Lily Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire*, 550 U.S. 618, paved

the way for enactment of the Lily Ledbetter Act of 2009.

**VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE;  
VOTE TO IMPACT CHANGE;  
VOTE FOR A BETTER WORLD –  
Everyone is encouraged to  
VOTE!!!!**



AAC NAACP Member Ralph Thomas registering voters during 1000 Man March – September 19, 2020, Annapolis, MD.

4. #Ahmaud Arbery
5. # Crystal Nelson of Severn, MD
6. #Eric Garner
7. #Philando Castile
8. #George Floyd
9. #Sandra Bland
10. #Tamir Rice & MANY OTHERS

## ***The Aftermath of Peaceful Protests***

*By President Jacqueline Allsup*

**#WeAreDoneDying** - This is our national NAACP hashtag.

We are done dying but we are not done protesting until this nation hands us justice as written on its own paper, that all are created equal.

On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, I stood outside the courthouse steps of the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court to conduct a news conference with my colleagues, Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, our NAACP Religious Affairs Committee Chairperson and President of the United Black Clergy, along with Carl Snowden, Convener of the Caucus of African American Leaders, and the family of the late Tyrique Hudson. ***(See photos below)***

## ***Ten Reasons Why We Need Police Reform & Judicial Reform***

1. #We are done dying
2. #Breonna Taylor
3. #Tyrique Hudson





Left to right: Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, Carl Snowden, Family member of Tyrique Hudson, and Anne Arundel County NAACP President Jacqueline Allsup.

Mr. Hudson was brutally gunned down in his Glen Burnie apartment complex in 2019, after he unsuccessfully sought a peace order against his neighbor, Jerome Verombeck, who made veiled threats against him. Verombeck was later arrested and charged with his murder. However, on September 23, 2020, a plea agreement was reached to not hold the suspect Verombeck criminally responsible for this killing because he was deemed insane.

Verombeck is white. Mr. Hudson was African American. There was no testimony from the psychiatrist, and the presiding judge, Judge Michael Wachs, hid the findings of insanity in that report by calling them “confidential.” This is a travesty of justice.

The system failed us again. But we are not done protesting. We co-sponsored the 1000 Man March of Annapolis on Saturday, September 19, 2020.



September 19, 2020 – 1000 Man March, Annapolis, MD

We will not stop until there is real police and judicial reform!



Summer 2020 – Black Lives Matter Protest

Protests have become common place in Anne Arundel County. The photos above and below are of the Anne Arundel County NAACP’s participation in the Pasadena

protests for Black Lives Matter in the summer of 2020. Our branch will continue to support the movement that Black Lives Matter and these important protests!



Summer 2020 – Black Lives Matter Protest

## ***The Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR) holds three days of “public” hearings on policing bills***

By AAC Branch NAACP Political Action  
Committee Chair

**Can the Law Enforcement Officer’s Bill of Rights (LEOBR) Be Repealed?** Your input is welcomed.

Maryland’s Senate Judicial Proceedings conducted hearings on the repeal of the Law Enforcement Officer’s Bill of Rights and other major police reform legislation from September 22 – 25, 2020.

Much was on the agenda:

### **JPR Policing Hearings Schedule/Legislation**

September 22 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (6 bills) -

- Use of Force Standards (JPR 1);
- Misconduct Database (JPR 2);
- Limitation/Elimination of No-knock warrants (JPR 3);
- Duty to Intervene (JPR 4);
- Duty to Report Misconduct by Fellow Officers (JPR 5); and,
- Law Enforcement Agencies - Surplus Military Equipment (JPR 6).

September 23 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (6 bills) -

- Police Body Camera Footage – Presumption of Release (JPR 8);
- Police Body Camera Use – Presumption of Inadmissibility (JPR 9);
- State Prosecutor Investigations of Use of Force and Officer-Involved Death (JPR 10);
- Civil Liability – Police Misconduct Cases (JPR 11);

- Required Drug and Alcohol Testing of Law Enforcement Officers After Officer-Involved Death ( JPR 12); and,
- Routine Psychological Evaluation Required for Continued Employment as Law Enforcement Officer (JPR 13).

September 24 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (2 bills) -

- **Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Repeal** (JPR 15);
- **Law Enforcement Accountability and Discipline Act of 2021** (JPR 14);
- Disciplinary Charging Committee and Prosecution;
- Authority of Chief;
- Complaints Alleging Brutality – Repeal of Sworn Compliant Requirement;
- Interrogations;
- Right to Counsel During Interrogation;
- Records of Interrogations of Law Enforcement Officers;
- Hearing/Trial Board Composition;
- Limitation on Collective Bargaining Agreements – Alternative Hearing Boards;
- Issuance of Subpoenas by Investigators in Administrative Proceedings;
- Required Video Recording of Hearing/Trial Board Proceedings;
- Hearing/Trial Board Proceedings – Open to the Public;
- Prohibition on Bargaining Agreement Provisions Limiting Authority of Chief in Disciplinary Action;
- Expungement of Disciplinary Records

- Maryland Public Information Act – Access to Police Disciplinary Records;
- Hearing Trial Board Proceedings – Prosecution by County Attorney;
- Suspension Without Pay Required for Officer Charged with Assault, Theft, or Felony;
- Police Brutality – Time for Initiating Investigation;
- Exculpatory Material Provided in Disciplinary Proceeding; and,
- Entitlement to Hearing.

## ***The Economic Empowerment Committee and the Arundel Green Book***

By Committee Chair

In February 2020, the Economic Empowerment Committee (EEC) joined forces with Anne Arundel County based, and African American woman owned, Work Life Behavioral Health and Professional Training, LLC, to stage “Minority Money Matters,” a free financial literacy expo open to the public at Anne Arundel Community College. Both local black owned banks attended, Harbor Bank of Baltimore and Industrial Bank of Washington, D.C. The event was a boon to the community. It deepened the relationship between the Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP and local organizations of color by sponsoring events to help our community thrive.





*CJ Meushaw, EEC Chair and Steven Waddy, Political Action Committee Chair at an Anne Arundel County Council Meeting.*

Arundel Green Book, helped plant the seed of a network of color in the industry, and sense of community among local black enterprise in general. It drew attention to, encouraged patronage of, and built pride and enthusiasm around community of color commerce and the branch.

Find more black owned organizations, service providers and businesses by viewing the Arundel Green Book at <http://annearundelcountynaacp.org/economic-empowerment.html>

AAC Branch NAACP President affirms that the Branch “supports local economic empowerment for all!”

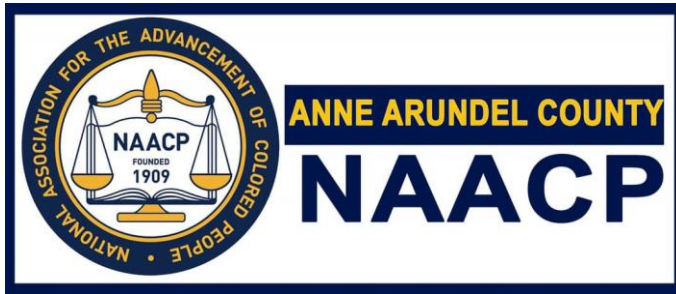


*Laticia Hicks, Skye Bailey, Siolo Bailey at community event.*

In celebration of the 2020 Juneteenth celebration, the Economic Empowerment Committee partnered with the Annapolis Coalition of Black Progressives to promote six Black owned eateries and confectioners in Anne Arundel County for folks to celebrate by investing in the community. This built recognition of the



*Left to Right - Raleigh Turnage, Jr. (AAC District 3 Board of Educ. candidate), Samytra Chatman, LaToya Nkongolo, owner of Work Life Behavioral Health and Professional Training, LLC, Antonio Downing, Delegate Mark Change, Minority Money Matters Expo, February 2020*



Visit our website to become a member:  
[www.annearundelcountynaacp.org](http://www.annearundelcountynaacp.org)

## ***The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet – 2019 Remembered***

By Anne Arundel NAACP Banquet Chair, First Vice President Antonio Downing



*Left to Right: Anne Arundel County Executive, Steuart Pittman; State NAACP President, Gerald Stansbury; AAC Branch President, Jacqueline Allsup; AAC Branch Youth Division President, Drake Smith; Mistress of Ceremony, Ava-Joye Burnett and Keynote Speaker, Hillary Shelton.*

The Freedom Fund Awards Banquet serves as an annual celebration, in which local community leaders and activists, as well as many youths are publicly recognized for their civic involvement. Many U.S. Congressional, state, county and local legislators attend this event.

Each year the Anne Arundel County NAACP Branch selects honorees that demonstrate a high level of commitment, sacrifice and responsibility in making Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis a better community.

***45th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet***  
**Friday, November 22, 2019**

<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>Hilary O. Shelton</b></p> <p>Director to the NAACP's Washington Bureau / Senior Vice President for Advocacy and Policy</p> 	<p><b>MISTRESS OF CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>Ava-joye Burnett</b></p> <p>CBS Baltimore 13 WJZ News, General Assignment Reporter &amp; Weekend Anchor.</p> 
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*Above photo: Award recipient featured with County Executive Pittman, State President Gerald Stansbury, Branch President Jacqueline Allsup, MC Ava Joye Burnett and Keynote Speaker Hillary Shelton*

In November 2019, the Anne Arundel County NAACP celebrated its 45th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, in which the theme was titled - **“When We Fight, The People Win”**

The keynote during the event was Mr. Hilary O. Shelton, Director of the NAACP’s Washington Bureau/Senior Vice President for Advocacy and Policy. Ms. Ava-Joye Burnett, CBS Baltimore 13 WJZ News Anchor, served as the mistress of ceremony.

***The Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP plans to host its 46<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fund Event soon to honor new lifetime members.***



*Rev. Ricky Jones and Claudia Barber (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Legal Redress Committee, Laticia Hicks, Education Committee, Steven Waddy, Political Action and Housing Committees, Christine Davenport, Membership Committee, Antonio Downing, (First Vice President) and CJ Meushaw, Economic Empowerment Committee.*

***Spotlight on Anne Arundel NAACP Committees:***

***Promoting Health Awareness***

By Anne Arundel NAACP Health Committee Chair

In February 2020, the Health Committee of the Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP co-sponsored the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Men’s and Ladies Night **“Promoting Heart Disease Awareness.”** The event took place at the American Legion Office in Annapolis, Maryland.



Over 100 attendees received free gifts and health education materials.



Pictured above, vendor from 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's and Ladies Night

There were over 14 vendors including Anne Arundel County Department of Health, Restoration Community Development Center (RCDC), Continental Societies, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Pi Omega Chapter, Harris Family Foundation Inc., Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (UMC)-Magothy and others who provided healthy foods, natural products, healthy teas, clothing, art, music items, and social organizations who gave out health education brochures, as well as Blood Pressure Screenings.



Pictured above, another vendor, Chef Samuel Brown, All Occasion Catering.

The attendees also enjoyed a night of physical activities that included line dancing and hand dancing lessons.



Pictured above, the vendor, The Salad Lady participating in event.

Chef Samuel Brown provided a healthy cooking demonstration with his students that he mentors with RCDC.

## ***The Political Action Committee***

By Steven Waddy, Committee Chair

I have been the chair of the political action committee for the Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP since 2018. We have a few members but can always use more!

This year the Political Action Committee fought exceptions to the local Fair Housing Act; petitioned for a civilian review board of police complaints in Anne Arundel County; marched for justice in police brutality cases; argued for better healthcare for Black people; confronted the media on their complicity in spreading racist images of Black people in the Baltimore Metro market; and, participated in numerous Zoom meetings with local government officials.

The Political Action Committee also submitted testimony at the state level during the Maryland Legislative Session. We were able to defeat a bill that would allow the sheriff to intercept tax refunds of people who had warrants. The bill would have continued a program that has already existed in the county for 4 years, but after our testimony and discussion with the county delegation about how Black people were the primary victims of this confiscation, the program was terminated.

We also worked on changes to a bill that would have increased police presence in Anne Arundel County Schools.

The Political Action Committee looks forward to the presidential election in 2020 and is hopeful of the chance of making big changes at the federal level. We will be guided by the principals of multiracial militant resistance to white supremacy through nonviolent social change. Although we have done quite a bit this year, we look forward to increasing our efforts at the county level to encourage more legislation that would help Black people obtain wealth, health, knowledge, safety and security in Anne Arundel County.

## ***Prison Reform Committee***

By Lea Green, Committee Chair

There is encouraging news to report.

On September 24, 2020, Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California [issued an Order](#) certifying a nationwide class of people incarcerated in state and federal prisons, and granting the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction requiring the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the United States of America ("Defendants") to stop withholding CARES Act stimulus funds from plaintiffs or any class member on the sole basis of their incarcerated status.

The Anne Arundel County NAACP Prison Reform Committee has been working with state correctional facilities to ensure

inmates' safety is not taken for granted during the COVID-19 pandemic. County Executive Steuart Pittman has been apprised of our concerns at quarterly meetings with the County Executive and Caucus of African American Convener Carl Snowden.

## **Education Committee**

### **Alkebulan Shule (Saturday School)**

The Anne Arundel County NAACP has partnered with other community advocacy groups to establish a Saturday school that will focus on teaching children and their families about African and African American history. The name of our school is called Alkebulan Shule, which translates into "Mother of Mankind School". Alkebulan Shule will encourage self-determination through education and learning opportunities, which highlight positive achievements of people of African Descent around the world "pre" and "post" enslavement, particularly African Americans who have made many significant contributions to western civilization and the world as a whole.

We were excited to introduce our school to the community at the Business Recovery Pop Up event in Annapolis, MD on August 15, 2020 and at the 1000 Men's March in Annapolis, MD on September 18, 2020. Orientation for our school will be held virtually on October 3, 2020 from 10 am to 12 noon.



*Left to right: Co-founders of Alkebulan Shule - Monique Brown, Anne Arundel NAACP Assistant Secretary, Monica Lindsey, Anne Arundel NAACP member and Facilitator of Connecting the Dots, Nas Afi, President of Delta Sigma Theta Annapolis Chapter, and Chidinma Menakaya, President of Menakya Ministries at the Business Recovery Pop Event to introduce Alkebulan Shule to the community and below the Alkebulan Shule QR Code.*



*Students engaging in arts and crafts at the Alkebulan Shule table at the Business Recovery Pop Up event.*



For more information please visit <https://alkebulanshule.org/> and sign up for our email subscription list.



*Alkebulan Shule co-founders - Monica Lindsey, Anne Arundel NAACP member and Founder and Facilitator, Connecting the Dots, Patricia Eleazar, Chidinma Menakaya, President of Menakya Ministries, Thornell Jones, Anne Arundel NAACP member, and Darius Stanton, Founder of the Annapolis Arts, Sports and Leadership Academy at the 1000 Men's March to speak to residents about Alkebulan Shule.*

## **Freetown Village Graduation Celebration**

In June 2020, Anne Arundel NAACP participated in the Freetown Village Class of 2020 Parade. This event was a parade to celebrate the graduation of high school students from Pasadena's Freetown community. COVID-19 has had such an unexpected impact on education, and this includes traditional senior events, such as

prom and graduation. Many students and community members expressed that since they were not able to participate in a formal graduation, they were happy the parade made up for the event. The AAC Branch NAACP was able to honor approximately twenty (20) graduates and offer them words of encouragement as they embarked on their next steps in life. They were also awarded with certificates to celebrate this pivotal accomplishment.



*AAC Branch NAACP participated in the Freetown Village Graduation Parade to celebrate the Class of 2020*

## **Service Learning with Anne Arundel Community College**

The Anne Arundel NAACP is partnering with Anne Arundel Community College to offer service-learning opportunities to college students. These students will be enrolled in a new Civil Rights Law course and will combine what they learn in the course with active participation in the community. They will be collaborating with our Education committee to address various issues that are at the forefront of the committee's initiatives. Some of these include developing

ways in which the community, local government, and AACPS can make changes to minimize the disparity in resources for school-aged children and the education gap in success for people of color. They will also be joining in AACPS's efforts to investigate schools named after individuals with racially problematic pasts and to finding a new name that represents a positive shift to diversity, equity, and inclusivity. We are thrilled about having these students bring their experience and input to the committee and we hope to develop student interest in continuing to volunteer with community-based organizations

## ***ANNE ARUNDEL BRANCH of NAACP ON THE MOVE***

An Overview of AAC Branch NAACP Committees at Work for You

- ACT – SO
- Armed Services & Veteran Affairs
- Community Coordination
- Criminal Justice / Juvenile Justice
- Economic Development
- Education
- Finance
- Freedom Fund
- Health
- Housing
- Labor & Industry
- Legal Redress
- Membership
- Political Action

- Prison Branch
- Religious Affairs
- Youth Advisor

### **Current Officers:**

***Jacqueline Allsup, President***

***Antonio Downing, First Vice President***

***Claudia Barber, Second Vice President***

***Mary Dadone, Secretary***

***Monique Brown, Assistant Secretary***

***Ralph Thomas, Treasurer***

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### ***Upcoming Events:***



*Anne Arundel County NAACP  
presents Money Keys to Freedom*



## **About this Event**

*The workshop will be facilitated by Mrs. Shay Cook, CEO & Founder of Crusaders for Change, LLC (C4C), an African American owned and operated business based here in Anne Arundel County.*

*C4C works towards "empowering and equipping women, men and children with the tools (resources, knowledge, skills, etc.) needed to become financially free through financial counseling, coaching, classes and consulting." We help people get out of debt, improve their credit, save and more!"*  
*For more information, please visit their website at [www.Crusaders4Change.org](http://www.Crusaders4Change.org).*

## **Money Keys to Freedom**

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

## **REGISTER HERE:**

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-keys-to-freedom-tickets-122421545137?utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=post\\_of\\_d\\_publish&utm\\_content=shortLinkEventName](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-keys-to-freedom-tickets-122421545137?utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=post_of_d_publish&utm_content=shortLinkEventName)