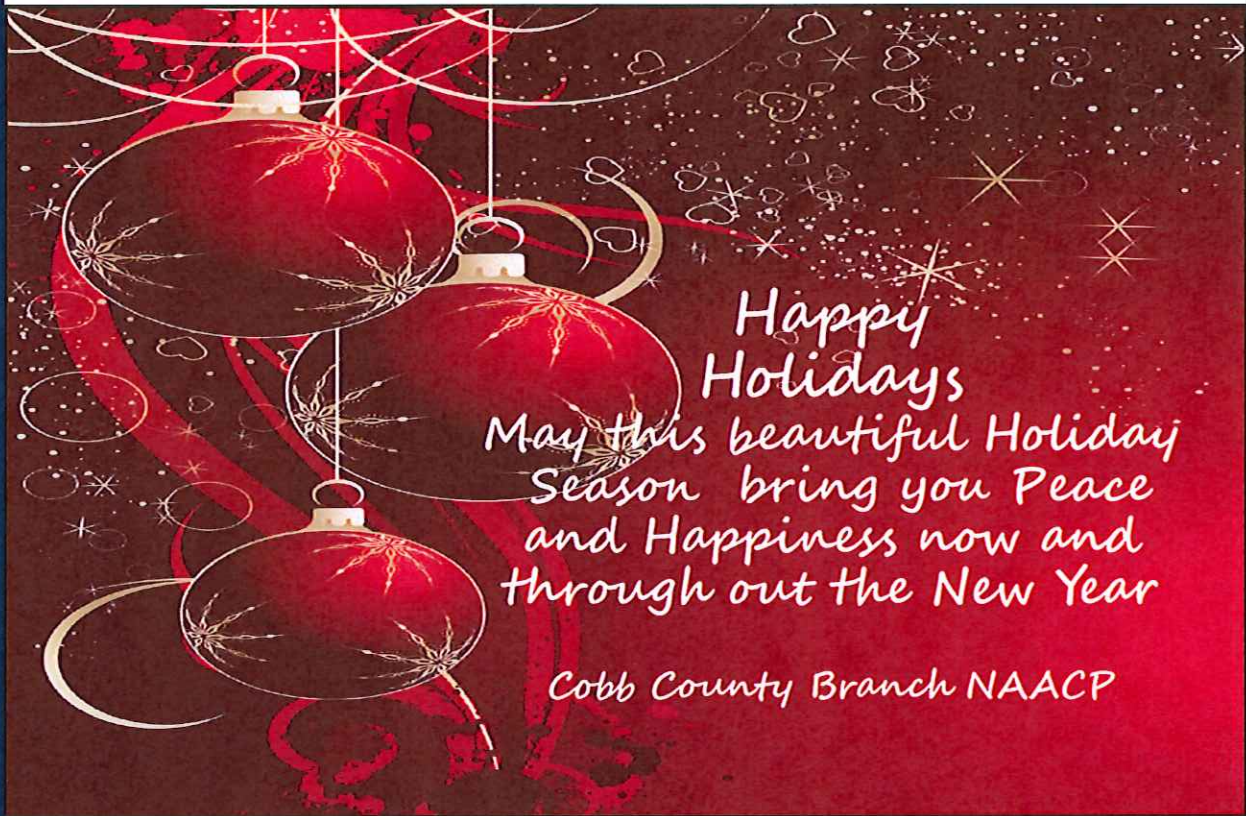




# COBB COUNTY BRANCH

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

*Seasons Greetings December 2011*



*Happy Holidays*

*May this beautiful Holiday Season bring you Peace and Happiness now and through out the New Year*

*Cobb County Branch NAACP*



**A**s we close another year we want to pause and say thanks for your support of the Cobb County Branch. It has been most appreciated.

A special thanks to our officers, committee chairs and our membership that give their time, expertise and commitment to help us fulfill our mission and goal. We are a volunteer organization. Sponsors and stakeholders thank you for your continued support

As we celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, we want to remember our fellow citizens that may need assistance this holiday season as these economic times has been trying for most.

Lets, donate some time to a shelter, give to a food drive, donate sweaters and coats, give more to your church fund, or maybe a big hug in some cases may be just the gift one may need.

My sincere Thanks and gratitude for all you do to help others.

Season Greetings  
*Deane Thompson Bonner*

**Cobb County Branch  
General Membership Meeting  
Annual Holiday Party and Community Outreach**

**Tuesday, December 27, 2011**

**Branch Community Room  
605 Roswell Street  
Marietta, GA 30060  
5:00pm**

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**26th. Annual  
Cobb County  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr.  
Day Celebration**

**Celebrate the Dream/Life/ Legacy**

**Sponsored by  
Cobb County Branch NAACP  
& Cobb County Government**

**Monday, January 16, 2012 10:00am**

**Jennie T. Anderson Theatre  
548 S. Marietta Pkwy. Marietta GA**

**Auditions are:**

**6 p.m. Thursday, January 5th.  
10 a.m. Saturday, January 7th.**

**All auditions will be held at  
Jennie T. Theatre Please RSVP to  
770.528.8490**

*For more info, please call  
Cobb County NAACP office at 770.425.5757*

## Branch News

The Oscar R. Freeman  
Freedom Fund Awards Banquet

### **Affirming AMERICA'S PROMISE**

Friday, October 28, 2011  
Our 30th Year Celebration

#### Award Recipients

##### Business Award

Marietta Blue Eagles Association  
Garland & Cheryl Baker

##### Community Service

Union Chapel United Methodist Church  
Rev. John Woods

##### Education Award

South Cobb High School Principal  
Mr. Ashley Hosey

##### Elder Award

Religious Affairs  
Rev. Dr. Marion L. Green

##### Youth Achievement Award

Paisley Dance Academy Dancers  
Dr. Keshia Cunningham

##### 2011 Co-Chairs

Pedro Cherry Georgia Power &  
Kim Gresh SA White Oil Co.

Honorary Chairs: Shan Cooper, Lockheed  
Martin & Sam Olens, GA Attorney General

The Freedom Fund Awards were presented in 1983, at a prestigious banquet to showcase the accomplishments of individuals who make significant contributions to our communities.

A few of our attendees included Hamilton Holmes, Arleithia P Johnson, Cobb County Chairman Tim Lee, Cobb County Commissioner Bob Ott, Judge Rob Flournoy, Judge Adele Grubbs, Reverend Evelyn Taylor, American Legion Commander Jessie Campbell, Wellstar President Reynold J. Jennings, Dr. Betty Cook, Sundra Vann, CPA, Councilman Ron Newcomb, Chief John Houser, Councilman Anthony Coleman, Attorney Nathan Wade, Michael Hughes, Republican Party Chairman Joe Dendy and 1st Vice Chair Rose Wing, Austell Strike Force Michael Murphy, Democrat Party Chairwoman Melissa Pike, State Representative David Wilkerson and family, State Representative Stacey Evans, and State Representative Judy Manning.

## 2011

### Our Advocacy

Justice

Fairness

Peace

Education

Jobs

Seniors

Libraries

Juveniles

Inmates

Voting Rights

Farmers

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## **SAVE THE**

## **DATES**

1-14-2012



Youth  
Empowerment  
Forum/ Office

Salute to  
Greatness Gala  
Atlanta, GA

1-15-2012

MLK, JR  
Cobb  
Church Services  
11:00 am

1-16-2012



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## State News

The 69th Annual GA State Conference Convention was held recently in Atlanta. President Edward Dubose was elected to his third two year term. Cobb's first VP Jeriene Grimes was elected to serve as 2nd Vice President for the State Conference. President Bonner also joins the State as an executive board member.

Installation of Officers will be Jan.14, 2012 in Columbus, GA.

### Regional News

Kevin Myles was selected to serve as the new Regional Director for Region V of the NAACP. He will oversee the Southeast Region providing support and assistance to AL, GA, TN, NC, SC MS, and FL. We welcome him.

Our Regional Training Institute Conference will be held March 15-17, 2012 in Raleigh NC. Chartering a bus is one of our travel options to NC.

### National News

The National Board of Directors will hold their first 2012 Meeting Feb. 17th., State Pres. Ed Dubose is a member.

The 103rd. Annual National NAACP Convention will be held in Houston Texas July 7-12, 2012.

## **MILESTONES**

### Martina Correia

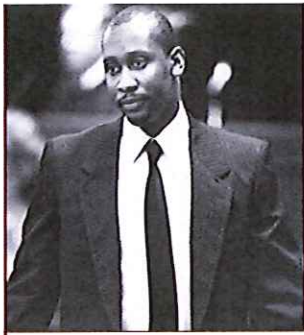
The Cobb County branch is extremely saddened by the passing of Martina Correia, sister of Troy Davis, Martina was the catalyst behind the campaign to save her brother for two decades, and played a major role in reviving our anti-death penalty movement. Please keep the Davis/Correia family in your prayer, and lets honor Troy and Martina by ending the Death Penalty.

### Bishop Clarence Carr

We also mourn the passing of NAACP National Board Member the Right Reverend Bishop Clarence Carr. Local Cobb members join National Chairman Roslyn Brook in her tribute to him at the funeral held at Shaw Temple AME Church

Fred Shuttlesworth, Civil Rights Activist  
Birmingham Oct 5

Derrick Bell, first tenured Black professor at  
Harvard New York City Oct 5.



# TROY DAVIS' NAME WILL LIVE ON



Criminal Justice Town Hall Meeting  
February 18, 2012  
11AM - 1PM  
Multi-purpose Room

## The state of the Cobb County Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Branch In Review

Our major endeavor was the fight for the life of TROY DAVIS. "Our Too Much Doubt Campaign" galvanized thousands. Our Branch delivered to the Pardons and Parole Board over 6000 signatures from that campaign. We secured signatures from all our communities. Special thanks to Turner Chapel AME Church for over 900 signatures, canvassing school and college campuses. We participated in marches, prayer services and vigils. We were in Jackson with our brother when yet again, Justice was denied

National President Ben Jealous spent a great deal of time here in GA on the Troy Davis, case meeting with the parole board and meeting with Troy on numerous occasions including the day before he was killed. He brought national attention to his case along with the support of thousands around the world.

NAACP President Jealous, also visited the Cobb County Branch and met with local leaders at our branch office and later held a press conference on the Cobb County Courthouse steps concerning the John McNeil case that is considered another miscarriage of justice to a Kennesaw man that was convicted of shooting a man who was attacking him on his own property.

The unveiling of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the Lincoln Mall was a positive and proud moment for all Americans. The Cobb County Branch NAACP sponsored a 56 passenger bus to the event and is listed as one of the founding members. Donations forwarded to the Memorial fund came from citizen donations collected at our Annual Cobb County Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater.

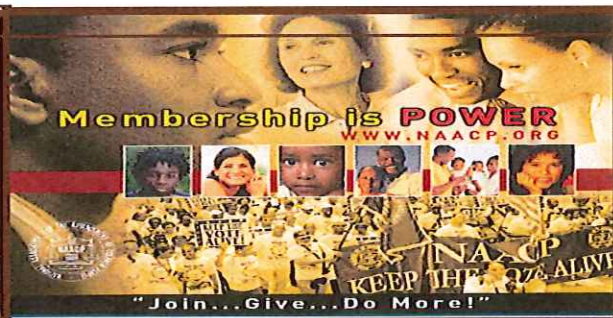
Our Education Committee continues to monitor the school systems in Marietta City and Cobb County. Concerns include disparities among: Title I distributions, demographics of Principals and Administrators, and the heavy handed discipline of minority students. We recently facilitated a forum for US Dept of Education, Office for Civil Rights and heard from student and parents about discipline, which was convened at the East Cobb Library. A compliance review and live testimonies supported evidence of a problem, not the least of which is the unfair discipline of African American students in Cobb County.

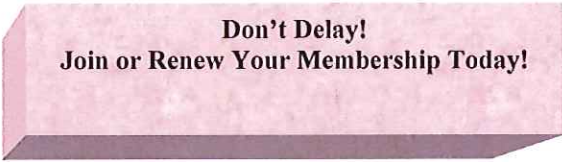
- Cobb members joined the vigil for 7 year old Jorelys Rivera and pledged financial support
- We will lobby our local officials in the upcoming GA sessions (Issues listed on web-site)
- Joined the State conference in submitting opposition to the GA State redistricting plan
- Our legal complaints continue to grow as equal justice is rare in most cases.
- We have ongoing voter registration drives and look forward to 2012 growth in voters
- Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to community families
- Our Memberships are up by 12%

Welcome new Committee members: Elaine Armster, Housing & Former Principal Jackie Whitt

### **NAACP MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Association for the advancement of Colored people is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.





**REGULAR ANNUAL**

- Youth Without Crisis (to 17) ..\$10.00
- Youth With Crisis (to 21).....\$15.00
- Adult With Crisis .....\$30.00
- Corporate.....\$5,000

New  Renewal

**LIFE**

Amount of Payment \_\_\_\_\_

- Junior Life (\$100)
- Bronze Life (\$400)
- Silver Life (\$750)
- Gold Life (\$1,500)
- Diamond Life (\$2,500)

Please mail to:  
**COBB NAACP, P.O. Box 598**  
**Marietta, GA 30061**  
**(770) 425-5757**

Yes, I would like to become a member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Act-So (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological & Scientific Olympics)

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Armed Services         | Membership               |
| Communications         | Political Action         |
| Community Coordination | Press & Publicity        |
| Economic Development   | Religious Affairs        |
| Education              | Women In The NAACP (WIN) |
| Health & Welfare       |                          |
| Housing                |                          |
| Labor & Industry       |                          |

*Thank you for your support*

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