



## ***El Paso Branch Monthly Happenings***

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NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks issued the following statement about remarks made at the White House Correspondents' Dinner on April 30 in Washington D.C.:

"On The Nightly Show and in many other programs, Larry Wilmore is a thoughtful and courageous comedian who consistently makes us laugh by confronting the ugly contradictions we see in our government, media, and society. I assume that Mr. Wilmore was sincere in humorously criticizing, commending and mocking the President during the dinner. Context, like race, matters. The n-word has a long history of hate. It doesn't matter whether the people listening are wearing tuxedos and gowns, the racist ugliness of it cannot be forgotten. Many in the audience clearly believed he had crossed a line in his final remarks.

"In this election year, we have consistently reminded candidates that the words they choose have meaning and consequence. Even a seemingly 'friendly' form of the n-word ending in 'ga' rather than 'ger' insults many in our nation even when meant to complement our president. While it may be common to use the n-word as a racial obscenity for effect with a crowd in a night club or among acquaintances in a locker room or a rhyme in a song, the n-word, as racist profanity, should not be in the same sentence or the same room as the President of the United States. The fact that President Barack Obama is the first African-American to hold the highest office in this country should not be a license for undue racial familiarity or racialized disrespect.

"For many years now, the NAACP has maintained that the n-word does nothing to foster real and meaningful conversations our country needs to have about race, class, segregation and tolerance in our nation and we are, once again, sadly disappointed by its perpetuation in our national dialogue. With a vocabulary of America's aspirations, the NAACP strives for a day when the n-word refers to a 'nation' indivisible by race, class, color, creed, or slurs."

# Race Begins for 2016 Presidential Election



Hillary Clinton  
*(Democratic Candidate)*



Rand Paul  
*(Republican Candidate)*



Ted Cruz  
*(Republican Candidate)*

With the highly televised riots that occurred in Ferguson, Missouri subsequent to the death of Mike Brown, the African---American community in St. Louis was reduced to little more than a stereotype. Images of looting and violent acts dominated the airwaves. What some in the black community saw as, an arguably poor reaction of a few individuals, due to their frustration with in an unjust judicial system, was appropriated by media outlets and used to fuel the stereotype of the figurative “angry black man” and “angry black woman.”

So why is it that with all of the coverage that Ferguson received to perpetuate negative images of minorities, that the media failed to adequately report that black voters turned out in record numbers for the most recent election? The 2015 municipal elections in Ferguson, Missouri reported a record---breaking number of African---American voters. When the results were in, the citizens of Ferguson had added two new African---American members to city council.

The results of this election represent what the “angry black man” and “angry black woman” really look like. History has taught us that when the black community is really “angry” we become really “productive,” not violent. Our anger causes us to act! No longer complacent, no longer comfortable, and no longer willing to look the other way, “we act!”

As we approach our 2016 presidential election it becomes imperative that we as Alpha Kappa Alpha women embrace our legacy, embrace our heritage and fully embrace our target of global impact. Not only should we be accountable for our vote and our voice, having taken an oath that we will exceed the standard, we are responsible to educate ourselves that we might educate others. Abandon the partisan agenda! Educate yourselves about the candidates; educate yourselves about what their leadership will mean to you in your lifetime, and to our children in theirs. Do not forget that **OUR VOTE MATTERS!**

# EP BRANCH IN ACTION



On March 27, 2016 our local branch hosted a voter registration drive, at the Rock Faith Center on Easter Sunday. Over 100 El Pasoans got registered!! Thank you to our members for their hard work and dedication.

*\*Nicole Robertson, Pierre Boynton, Felix Beard Sr., Lloyd Robertson and Jackie Beard\**

KFOX News did cover this event!!!



# Community Happenings

Date	Event	Location	Time	Cost
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Links Jazz Event	EPCC on Viscount Bldg. 9050, Suite B	7pm - 10pm	\$10, can pay at the door.
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies in Red Brunch	Centennial Club	10am - 1pm	\$25
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Beautillion (AKAs)	Wyndham	1:30pm	\$40
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Las Vegas Night (APhiA)	Radisson Airport Hotel	6pm	\$50
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Juneteenth Breakfast	McCall's Center	8am - 10am	\$10
June 18	Juneteenth	Biggs Field	Noon	n/a
August 27	Freedom Fund Banquet (NAACP)	Centennial Club, Ft Bliss	5pm (social hour) 6pm (dinner)	\$50

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It is important to note that The EL PASO BRANCH HAPPENINGS staff will make great efforts to acknowledge the actions of any and all EL PASO BRANCH members contributing to further the ideas and purpose of NAACP. However, please recognize that we are only able to report the information that we know. Pictures and write-ups will need to be received in a timely manner (By the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month) and be received by the chapter Communications Chair for review, edits, and inclusion. Important Note: The chapter President will review the chapter newsletter pending final distribution.

Lastly, anyone wishing to contribute regularly to The EL PASO BRANCH HAPPENINGS please contact the chapter Communications Chair, Jackie Beard at [jaxepnaacp@gmail.com](mailto:jaxepnaacp@gmail.com) or any member of the Communications Committee and express interest.

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