

## January/February Newsletter NAACP Oakland Branch

### 2018 A Time for New Beginnings



## A Message from President George Holland

The end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018 has been hectic in the transition. 2017 was a year of change for the NAACP and our country. It is amazing the similarities between the two.

Both had new leadership, both experienced a need to change. The major difference was that our country's leadership began to attempt to reverse, change or eliminate the programs of our previous President. Consequently, our country has lost its standing in the world because we seem to be heading toward isolation and targeted discrimination.

As I write this statement, the government has been shut down. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party are in a standoff and both blame the other and wait for the President to give them direction. The issue that purports to cause this shutdown is immigration. The "Dreamers", children not born in the United States but brought into the country as children, are being threaten with deportation and of course the building of the wall along the border with Mexico is still a hot topic. While political parties continue their fight, the NAACP is working to be a stronger advocate for civil rights.

We have a new leader of the NAACP, Mr. Derrick Johnson, former Mississippi State Conference President. I had the pleasure of meeting President Johnson at our



- Liz Copeland, President and Founder, Urban Conservative Project, Inc.
- Joseline Garcia, President, United States Student Association
- Tiffany Loftin, Senior Program Specialist in Community Advocacy and Partnership Engagement, National Education Association
- Dr. William Spriggs, Professor of Economics, Howard University

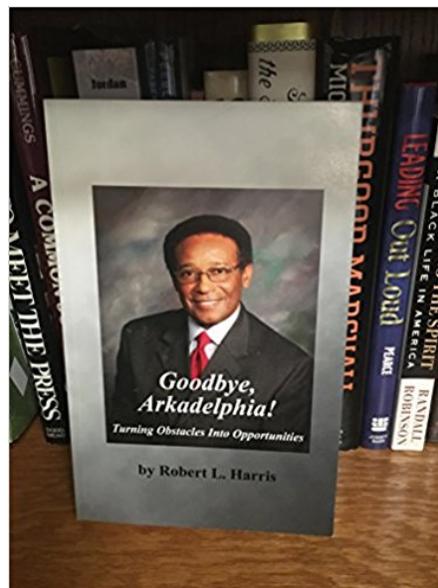
The event will be live-streamed on social media and will be open to the public and live-streamed on **YouTube** starting at 7:30 PM EST (4:30 PM PST) on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

The Black Professional's Fab Friday's squad is kicking off Black History Month with a Bang! Join us on **Friday, February 2nd from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** at the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) in San Francisco for Shades of Melanin...Celebrating Culture and connecting

This is more than just a networking event...it's a celebration of our melanin!

Tickets are available at

<https://bpsom.eventbrite.com>



NAACP Oakland Executive Member at Large, Robert L. Harris, Esq., is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech at the 7th Annual African American History Month

Flag Raising & Reception on

**Friday, February 2nd from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

at San Jose City Hall West Plaza & Rotunda.

**February 10, 2018**

**The Third Annual**

**Black Legends Awards**

**Silicon Valley**

[info@blacklegendawards.org](mailto:info@blacklegendawards.org)

Call 408-320-2111 for more information

**The Social Engineering Project (TSEP) Presents:**

February 22

Lincoln Center's Ta-Nehisi Coates and Film

Screening of Marvel's Black Panther

at the Grand Lake Theater (Sold Out)

TSEP and Science in the City's  
Community Science Night at Stanford  
C.E.R.A.S. Lobby from 6pm-8pm

### **THE HIDDEN GENIUS PROJECT**

<http://www.hiddengeniusproject.org/>

On Saturday, January 27 The Hidden Genius Project staff and alumni will join Colin Kaepernick for Know Your Rights Camp in New Orleans.

Kaepernick launched this free camp to "raise awareness about higher education, self empowerment, and instruction to properly interact with law enforcement in various scenarios." The camp was inspired by the Black Panther Party's 10-point plan. For more information visit the website. While you are there also check out their 15-month Intensive Immersion Program

Our Intensive Immersion Program is a 15-month holistic mentorship experience that provides computer science, software development, entrepreneurship, and leadership training to black male high school students.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Black male youth entering 9th grade through 11th grade  
15-month commitment. Previous programming experience is NOT required.

### **Oakland Has a New Basketball Team**

#### **OAKLAND BAYHAWKS**

Oakland BayHawks are a newly acquired expansion professional basketball team from Oakland, CA that plays in the ABA (American Basketball Association) league. The team is black owned. For more information click ctrl click and follow the link. [www.oaklandbayhawks.com](http://www.oaklandbayhawks.com)

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WFB is conducting a series of webinars that Wells Fargo will conduct this year geared towards collegiate and others. These webinars take place on a monthly basis on topics pertaining to Financial Education, Career Development and Personal Branding.

Please share this information with your communities as well as anyone who may have need of the various topics. Please register online for one or more of these webinars using this link:

[Register for the 2018 Personal Branding Webinar Series](#)

### **UC Berkeley Presents**

Girls in Engineering, a summer camp hosted at UC Berkeley, exposes girls in grades 5 - 7 to engineering. Applications are due on March 1. However, the number of applications is limited to 250, so apply now. The cost is free for families who demonstrate financial need. For more information, click [here](#).

**California Black Expo MIXERS/Networking Events**

2/08 - California Black Expo Night at the Warriors

2/22 - Black History Celebration Mixer, OurTV Studio, Oakland, CA

**California Black Expo Festivals/Fairs**

2/24 - Black Wall Street Renaissance Fair, Oakland, CA

2/25 - Black Wall Street Renaissance Fair, Oakland, CA

**Tune In Every 2nd & 4th Thursday night**

With our very own Press & Publicity personality, Gloria Bailey-Ray

on

"Real Talk with Lady G" at 8:00 PM (PST)

Stream the program live @ [www.kgpc969.org](http://www.kgpc969.org)



**PLEASE JOIN US**

**NAACP OAKLAND BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM:  
SHOWING OF FILM**

**Free Admission**

THE OAKLAND NAACP PROUDLY PRESENTS A BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL SCREENING OF

# GINA'S JOURNEY: THE SEARCH FOR WILLIAM GRIMES










MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM



**PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE OAKLAND NAACP**

Narrated by veteran actor and voice artist Keith David, *Gina's Journey* follows the quest of one woman in tracing the steps of her ancestor, who traveled along the Underground Railroad to freedom and authored the first fugitive slave narrative in U.S. history.

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4499 PIEDMONT AVE, OAKLAND, CA  
FREE ADMISSION

SEE THE OFFICIAL FILM TRAILER AT [WWW.GINASJOURNEY.COM](http://WWW.GINASJOURNEY.COM)

CONTACT: George Holland Sr., President at (510) 465-4100 or Cynthia Adams 2nd Vice President at (510) 219-3840

## ABOUT THE FILM

Narrated by veteran actor and voice artist Keith David, "Gina's Journey: The Search for William Grimes" follows the quest of one woman, Regina Mason, in tracing the steps of her ancestor, who traveled along the Underground Railroad to freedom and authored the first fugitive slave narrative in U.S. history.

Produced by Your Media 2, the film is based on the Afterword of the authoritative edition of the book, *Life of William Grimes, the Runaway Slave*, written by Regina Mason and published in 2008 by Oxford University Press. The Afterword, "My Long Road Back to William Grimes" reveals Mason's 15-year path to authenticate her ancestor's story and the intense personal sacrifices that made editing and publishing a new edition of the Grimes narrative possible.

In making the film, Director and Producer Sean Durant sought to convey not only Mason's long road to uncover her past, but also the unimaginable conditions that faced William Grimes as he struggled to free himself from slavery. To this end, Durant chose to use artfully-crafted re-enactments combined with current-day

Mason reflecting on her own story and a masterful narration by Keith David. The result is a compelling and provocative documentary film from first time feature filmmaker Durant.

For more information about the film click on the following link:

<https://www.ginasjourney.com/press>.



**Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**2nd Saturday of every month**  
**10:00 AM-12:00 Noon**  
**West Oakland Library**  
**1801 Adeline Street**  
**Oakland, CA 94607**



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