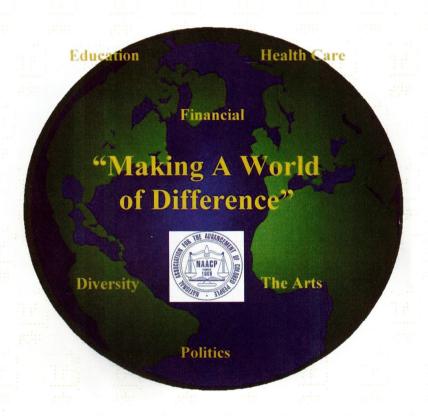
NAACP Easton Branch #2260 65th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet



Keynote Speaker: NCC Graduate Oscar Winner Roger Ross Williams

Saturday, October 30, 2010 – 5:00 P.M. Candlelight Inn/Blue 4431 Easton Avenue Bethlehem, PA

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The NAACP is the nation's oldest civil rights organization. We embarked on this journey to improve the quality of life for our people. We stand for social, political, educational and economic equality of rights for all people and to eliminate racial hatred, discrimination and the unfair injustices of all people.

Our country's greatest asset is its multicultural population that strengthens the framework of our entire society. This year's theme is "Making A World of Difference." The Easton branch is proud to say that we have participated in making a difference. We have moved ahead in a lot of areas, but we still have a lot of work to do. I ask that you be part of the journey. Get more actively involved in your community. Our community needs us and we need our community. The struggle continues. We must focus on the education of our children. We must encourage them at all cost to stay in school. I believe this is the only way we as a people can change the economic picture.

We stand here today on the shoulders of our ancestors. They were strong, proud and powerful. We need to ensure that our children have the same solid foundation on which to stand. As we reach out to pass on this baton of our heritage, let's ensure that our youth understand their responsibility in accepting it, and do so with pride, with knowledge, with determination and with confidence.

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Roger Ross Williams is the first African-American director to win an Academy Award in his category of Documentary Shorts, and the first ever African-American director to win an Academy Award for directing and producing a film, short or feature.

He wrote, produced and directed the 2010 Academy Award short film winner, *Music by*

Prudence, which also premiered on HBO in May 2010 to great critical acclaim. *Music by Prudence* tells the story of 21-year-old Zimbabwean singer-songwriter Prudence Mabhena, who was born severely disabled and has struggled to overcome poverty and discrimination.

Williams began his career as a producer of political satire for *Comedy Central* and Michael Moore's Emmy award winning series *TV Nation*. Other TV news credits include NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, the Today Show, ABC News, CNN, and the highly rated *Barbara Walters Specials* for ABC. At ABC News he wrote and produced the critically acclaimed news AIDS special, *Sex, Drugs & Consequences*, the youth culture special *Power of One* and the one-hour documentary series *Life 360* for ABC News Nightline and PBS.

Since then he has produced and directed numerous primetime television specials for PBS, ABC, the Sundance Channel, and Showtime. He has produced a documentary series for Discovery Networks and a lifestyle series for Scripts Networks, winning numerous awards including a NAMIC Vision Award for his television special Moroccan Style and the National Headliner for Best Human Interest Feature for his documentary *New York Underground*. ...and the list goes on and on.

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That the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light;
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee;
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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28



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The African-American community is a vital component of this rich tapestry of our community's multi-ethnic heritage. Its members and leaders build strength in neighborhoods, pride in cultural diversity and positive involvement in community.

As an individual I support your efforts and as Mayor, I take great pride in the positive relationship among all of our people. I also acknowledge the fine work of the NAACP. Founded in 1909 the NAACP continues today as the oldest and largest civil rights organization. I commend the members who continue to work toward social justice for all Americans.

When other citizens are asking, "Can't we just get along?" we are not only getting along in Easton we are working toward a common goal of a better Easton - a better Easton for all.

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Welcome Address	
Introduction of Mistress of	Ceremony Merrill Fennell, President
Invocation	Overseer Juanita Davis
National Negro Anthem	"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Greetings	
Presentation	
	Jacqueline O'Conner, Youth Pastor, York, PA
Blessing of Food	Pastor Shirley McMillian

BUFFET DINNER

Introduction of Officers and Special Guest	Merrill Fennell
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Tamara DeShields
Keynote Speaker	Roger Ross Williams
Selection From The Band	_
Youth Acknowledgement	Renee Harris
Introduction of Youth Speaker	Eshanda Fennell
Youth Message	Anthony Patterson
Eagle One Debt Solutions	Harry Barksdale
Presentation of Honorees	Merrill Fennell
Overseer Juanita Davi	S
Elder Joseph Gray	
Eshanda Fennell	
Kerry Myers	
Drawing/Door Prizes	Verna Howard
Remarks	Merrill Fennell
Benediction	Alfredean Jones



<u>Menu</u>

Soup du Jour

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tossed Garden Salad

Pot Roast w/Julienne Vegetables

Roast Herb Chicken

Oven-Roasted Potatoes

Vegetables du Jour

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts

Coffee (regular and decaf)

Hot Tea and Iced Tea



Pastor Juanita Davis was born in Savannah, Georgia, the only child to Bishop Daisy Garvin. At the age of 13, she gave her heart to Christ at the Pentecostal Faith Church in New York City.

Over the past 31 years, she served with her late husband, Pastor Fred Davis as Co-Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Under their leadership, the church grew from 19 members to over 1,000 members. They worked together in the vineyard and enabled Shiloh to become a church of inclusion with ministries to meet the needs of the people.

In the mid-90's, God gave Pastor Juanita the vision for the Women of Excellence Ministry. The conference, now in its tenth year, is designed to help women recognize and destroy the yokes that keep them from excelling, begin spiritual and emotional healing, and develop and utilize their talents, maximally. Through the Women of Excellence ministry and weekly television broadcasts, she ministers to women of every race and denomination and watches over the Intercessory Prayer Group, Prayer Warriors, the Liturgical Dance Ministry and Foreign Missions.

Pastor Juanita has served as president of the Willingboro PTA, a member of the Advisory Council of the Burlington Teen Pageant, and a board member for Christian Women United, Easton Area Neighborhood Center, Easton Zoning Board and Spring Garden Daycare. She was cited by the City of Easton as an Outstanding Woman of Easton. She received the Daughters of Eve Award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Black Womanhood Award from the Brothers of Lafayette College.

She was married to Pastor Fred Davis for 52 years until the Lord called him home in May 2005. Together, they had four children and seven grandchildren. She is devoted and committed, and her life illustrates the godly characteristics of a "virtuous woman". In June of 2005 was appointed to Overseer of Greater Shiloh Church and she is anointed in the ministry of Intercessory Prayer. Her love and enthusiasm for the Lord manifests in her ministry to young and old, and inspires spiritual growth for all God's people. She is a testimony of love and devotion to God, to family, to Greater Shiloh and to all people. It is the desire of Pastor Juanita to see all believers set free by the power of the Almighty God.



Elder Joseph Gray was born to Ethel and the late Joseph Gray, Sr. in Baltimore, Maryland where he grew up on the East side. He graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1965 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps after high school where he reached the rank of Sergeant and served in the Viet Nam war. After military service, he

continued his education at Morgan State Universty in Baltimore where he received his B.S. Degree.

He was ordained a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 1996 (Bibleway) and ordained an Elder in 1998 (Bibleway).

Presently, he is the Quality Control Manager at Georgia Pacific Corporation, Dixie Products Group (formally the American Can Company) where he has been employed for 38 years.

His community activities include: President of the Dixie Cup Federal Credit Union; a past 1st Vice President of the Easton Branch of the NAACP, organizer of the first African-American Festival, sponsored by the Easton NAACP, and a member of Holy Bethel Pentecostal church of Bethlehem.

He is a dedicated family man. He is married to Dominique Gray and they have seven children – Corey, Dylan, Trevor, Jordan, Marlon, Tanesia and Yessenia.



Kerry L. Myers, a 1972 product of the Easton Area School system, is a district School Board Member and Vice President. While attending Easton High School, he was a member and Tri-Captain, the only basketball team in Easton's history that made it to the State Finals, finishing third in the state. While a student he was also a member of the Interracial Student Council, a council set up by then principal Phillip Spaziani in

response to problems that developed that prior year. As a senior, he received the Optimist Club Award as the most Optimistic Senior from Easton High School.

After graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was a member of the Navy's Ceremonial Guard (Presidential Honor Guard) and performed at various ceremonies in our nation's capital from the White House to Arlington National Cemetery.

Kerry has spent most of his adult life -- 30 plus years -- as a youth sports coach in which his leadership focused on the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, but most of all respect for all teammates. His main philosophy is to treat others as though they are your brothers and sisters no matter what color their skin, and judge them by the content of their character. He has brought this approach to his position with the Easton School Board.

He has been married for 29 years to Joanne and they have three children, Nicole, Kerry, Jr. and Jarrid. Kerry is the 11th of 15 children of John R. Myers, Jr. and Helen L. Myers of Easton. His brothers and sisters have also been active in the community for decades.

Presently he is the President of the Alumni Varsity "E" Club (the #1 one booster club for the School District) which administers awards and scholarships to student athletes. He has also been involved with several other organizations including the Humanitarians Club, PAL Board, and the Boys' & Girls' Club Board.

Kerry has received the Alumni Varsity "E" Club Bill Brotzman Award, PAL Distinguished Service Award, and several certificates from the Boys' & Girls' Club for years of service.



Eshanda Fennell joined the NAACP to serve as the Youth Council Advisor in the fall of 2007. The tenure of her stay coupled with her employment at the Easton School District provided an opportunity where she connected with young people "beyond the classroom." As a school counselor, by day, she provided individual and group counseling to middle school and high

school students. After school, she cultivated youth leadership. While serving as the Youth Council Advisor, Ms. Fennell coordinated three highly successful annual Black History Month programs. The programs were presented to more than 3,000 students.

Ms. Fennell graduated from Howard University with a Masters degree from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Her lifelong commitment to social justice work has directed her journey and professional experiences in youth leadership development, nonprofit management and community development.

While in Graduate School, Ms. Fennell served as a researcher for Bread for the City, a social service agency located in Northwest Washington, DC. In her role, she organized and facilitated focus groups to identify the social service needs of low-income residents. She volunteered as a board member for Project South, a grassroots leadership development organization based in Atlanta, GA.

In 2002, she journeyed to Johannesburg, South Africa for nine months to serve as an international fellow for the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH). As a fellow, she provided technical assistance to the Schools for Africa project.

Ms. Fennell's motivation and drive for young people did not stop. In January 2005, Ms. Fennell moved to New York City to serve as the Program Manager of the Pro-Choice Public Education Project (PEP), a nonprofit organization with a focus on young women's health. Ms. Fennell was responsible for the execution and management of PEP's technical assistance program, research initiatives, and research briefing program.

Ms. Fennell currently resides in Bowie, MD.

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