



The Owensboro NAACP is a Christian-based organization devoted to promoting civil justice and racial and ethnic equality.

MLK Day Celebrated; New President Installed

By Rev. Rhondalyn Randolph

Celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. this year at Zion Baptist Church proved successful. On Sunday, Jan. 19th we honored the life of a man who impacted our society and empowers us all to be vigilant for the fight for justice.

“Progressing Through Unity” was the theme for this occasion.

We combined his honor with my installation as president of Owensboro NAACP Chapter 3107. We also honored outgoing president Evan Taylor for his service. Music was provided by Tenth Street Baptist Church Choir and address given by Rev. Andre Bradley, pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church.



Rhondalyn Randolph takes the oath of office from Judge David Payne.



Allied Organizations for Civil Rights representing unity at the March on Frankfort.

50th Anniversary of March on Frankfort

The March on Frankfort was a collaborative effort with Owensboro Human Relations Commission. When I approached the new director, Sylvia Coleman, she was just as excited as I to work together for the benefit of our community.

As we move forward, collaborating with other agencies is vital to the success of our community and that depends upon our efforts to work together.

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On Wednesday, March 5, 2014 there were 4,000 Kentuckians who marched for equality, peace, and civil rights for all. There were many who spoke at the rally. The master of ceremonies was our newly elected State President of the Kentucky NAACP, Raoul Cunningham.

The address was given by The Honorable Steve Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth and The Honorable Georgia Davis Powers, former Kentucky state senator.

The focus topic was on HB 70, sponsored by Rep. Jesse Crenshaw.



HB 70 returns the right to vote to felons convicted of nonviolent felony offenses. This is an important issue

due to the fact that Kentucky is one of 10 states that forbid felons from voting.

The state NAACP has made this issue of importance because it infringes upon

the rights of those who have paid their debt to society.

The fate of HB 70 is in the hands of the state Senate. On March 5, 2014, the date of the 50th Anniversary March on Frankfort, the state House of Representatives rejected changes made to HB 70 by the Senate that are contrary to the intent of the original bill. The House has sent HB 70 back to the Senate with a request that those changes be removed.



TAKE ACTION:

Please contact your state senator and request that he or she vote to restore the original provisions of HB 70 as passed by the House. You may leave a message for your senator at 1-800-372-7181. If you do not know who represents you in the General Assembly, or if you would prefer to send an email, please go to the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission www.lrc.ky.gov and open the “Who’s My Legislator” link.

Contact your local NAACP on our website <http://naacp.owbky.com>