

## **NAACP METUCHEN-EDISON AREA BRANCH**

**Serving Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, Piscataway and South Plainfield, NJ**

### **2010 Branch Meeting Schedule**

We have open forums and roundtable discussions with guest speakers discussing topics of importance to the minority community, as well as time allotted for networking at the end of each meeting.

**(Unless noted, branch meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. at the Edison Job Corps Academy, 500 Plainfield Ave., Edison, NJ 08817).** All meetings are open to the public. Please join us! Phone: (732) 549-7936 Email: [info@naacpmeab.org](mailto:info@naacpmeab.org) Website: [www.naacpmeab.org](http://www.naacpmeab.org)

**June 10, 2010**

#### **Juneteenth Celebration**

(See Display on Our Home Page)

**July 8, 2010**

#### **History of Black Folks in America Part I**

From the beginning of slavery in British North America around 1619, when a Dutch ship brought 20 enslaved Americans to the Virginia Colony at Jamestown to the murder of 14 year old Emmett Till, Dr. Margaret Stevens, Director of Urban Issues Institute & Associate History Professor at Essex County College will discuss America's original sin. Dr. Stevens graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers and received both her Masters and PhD from Brown University.

**August 12, 2010**

#### **History of Black Folks Part II**

Dr. Stevens continues her presentation beginning with the period of the Civil Rights Movement to the election of President Barack Obama.

**September 9, 2010**

#### **Health and Fitness Forum**

Distinguish panel of experts discuss nutrition, diseases, medical conditions, weight loss, exercise and more.

**October 14, 2010**

#### **Gangs**

Gangs are neither just a big city nor inner city problem, nor are they a problem of a particular race or culture. Gangs cross all ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, gender, and geographic boundaries. They bring fear and violence to neighborhoods, traffic in drugs, destroy property, involve youth in crime, and drive out businesses. Gangs pull teens away from school and home into a life of violence. Representatives from the Middlesex Prosecutor's Office and the NJ Attorney's Office will discuss the problems and possible solutions.

**November 11, 2010**

#### **Blacks in the Military**

The military history of **African Americans** spans from the arrival of the first black slaves during the colonial history of the United States to the present day. There has been no war fought by or within the United States in which African Americans did not participate, including the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the current wars Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as other minor conflicts. On this Veterans Day, a panel of soldiers will discuss their experiences in the military.

**December 9, 2010**

#### **Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration**

African Drummers and Dancers, spoken work artist, singers, vendors will help us celebrate Kwanzaa 2010. Vendors interested in selling their products should contact Mary Martin at (732) 968-7262.