

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY NAACP BRANCH  
PRESENTS ITS  
SIXTH ANNUAL

# Purpose POWER & Platform LUNCHEON

**Jeanette  
Blackwell**

Frances Hooks  
Leadership Award

**Rev. Dr. Kim L.  
Cotten**

Annette B. Ward  
Community Service  
Award

**Jenaya  
Salafia**

Extraordinary  
Youth Leadership  
Award

**2023-2024  
Young Readers**

Reading Program  
for Girls

April 6, 2024  
AQUA TURF CLUB

Barbara Wade Holloman, Chairwoman



Anita Ford Saunders, Branch President





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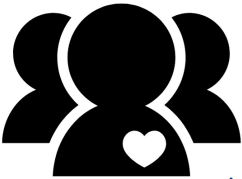
*Congratulations to:*



Jenaya Salafia - Youth Leadership Award

Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten - Annette B. Ward Community Service Award

Jeanette Blackwell - Frances Hooks Award



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# CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2024 Award Recipients—we appreciate all you do for women and girls in Middlesex County.

## Thank You,

Middlesex County Women In NAACP  
for all you do to support and empower  
women and girls in our community.

And a big round of applause to the Girls  
Reading Group—we're so proud of you!



Together we can and do make a difference.



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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BRANCH WOMEN IN THE NAACP (WIN) COMMITTEE



PROUDLY PRESENTS



**JOIN US FOR SOME READING, DISCUSSIONS, AND FUN!**

THE READING PROGRAM FOR GIRLS IS SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S SARI A. ROSENBAUM FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS, THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUND, AND JACKIE WILLIAMS/STERLING REALTORS, AND IS SUPPORTED BY THE WESLEYAN R/J JULIA BOOKSTORE.

WE WILL ENCOURAGE YOUNG READERS TO DISCOVER, DISCUSS AND EXPLORE IMPORTANT TOPICS WHERE THEY WILL FIND INSPIRATION FOR A GREAT CONVERSATION. UTILIZE THEIR SKILLS AND UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL SO THEY CAN THRIVE AND SUCCEED.

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**MAY 9 - MAY 30, 2024 @ 6PM**

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## **Program**

### **Welcome**

**Invocation** - Pastor Robyn Anderson  
Cross Street AME Zion Church

### **Greetings**

Anita Ford Saunders, Branch President

### **Acknowledgements of Sponsors**

**Acknowledgement of Young Readers**  
Melissa Askew-Hart & Terri L. Davis

**Musical Selection:** Lalia & LaNiese Cockrell

### **Lunch is served**

### **Presentation of Awards**

Barbara W. Holloman & Vanessa Cockrell

### **Award Recipients**

Jenaya Salfia  
Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten  
Jeanette Blackwell

### **Closing Remarks & Door Prizes**

Barbara W. Holloman & WIN Committee

**Hey Queen! - Reminder** - Michele Marie Clay  
**Benediction** - Pastor Robyn Anderson





## Committee Members

Barbara W. Holloman (Chairwoman)

Melissa Askew-Hart

Rosa Browne

Vanessa Cockrell

Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten

Faith M. Jackson

Kerry Kincy

Ann T. Percival

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Jennette Starks-Faulkner

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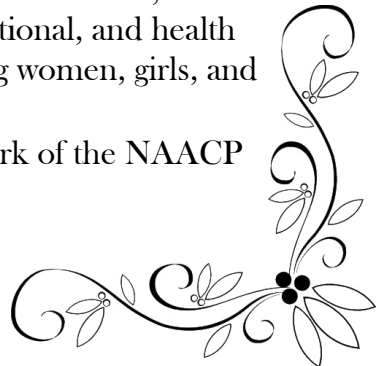
Shawonda Swain

Yolanda F. Turner

Barbara A. White

The purpose of Women In NAACP (WIN) are:

- to enhance the leadership role of women;
- to serve as advocacy vehicle for social, economic, political, educational, and health and welfare issues affecting women, girls, and children;
- to support the ongoing work of the NAACP and its units.





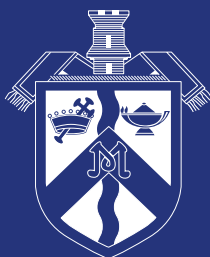
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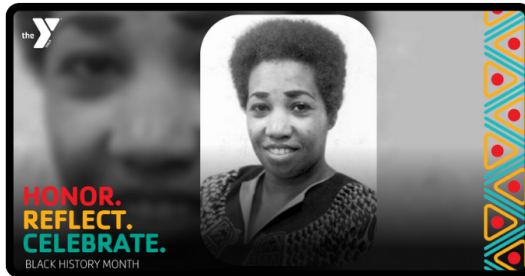
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Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten  
Jeanette Blackwell**

*Thank you for your commitment to the community!*

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After holding various executive leadership roles in the Newark and Chicago YMCAs, in 1976, Violet P. Henry became the first woman to be named to a top management position at the Y's national office. She provided leadership for numerous national and international commissions and committees that worked for the rights of women and people of color. #YForAll

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Congratulations!

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**Jeanette Blackwell**

President Pro Tempore

on your

NAACP Middlesex County

**Frances Hooks Award**

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*To All*

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Award Recipients*



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the other award  
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**Rev. Kim L. Cotten**  
**Jeanette Blackwell**  
**Jenaya Salafia**  
**& the Middlesex County Branch NAACP**  
**Women in the NAACP [WIN] Committee**  
**for another phenomenal year!**

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*Congratulations & Well Wishes to the  
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Women In NAACP on your  
6th Annual Purpose, Power & Platform  
Award Luncheon*



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**Congratulations!**  
*To the Middlesex County WIN Committee on your  
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June 21, 2024



78<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund  
Awards &  
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