

"If One Fails the Community Fails"

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September 2013

Upcoming Events

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Future Perfect Retail
Conference

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Fund Banquet

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Celebration

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11 October

"Get Elected" Learn How to
Run a Winning Campaign for
Local Office

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UW Multicultural Homecoming

12 October

"Get Elected" Learn How to
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"An Evening on the Town:
OVPCDO Multicultural Alumni
Soiree"

17 October

100 Black Men of Madison,
Inc. Board of Directors
Meeting

Reception for the City of Madison Common Council 18 October 2013 ... Civics 101

Without searching the Internet, please answer the following questions:

Who is your
City Alder?

Who is your
County
Supervisor?

Who is your
State
Representative?



Who is your State Senator?

Who is your Congressional Representative?

And for extra, extra credit, in the last 12 months, have you met or spoken with any of them?

How did you do?

If you know the names of these people, you passed and get an A+. And, if you have met or spoken with at least one of the aforementioned elected officials, you get an A++ and can teach the next class.

However, I would wager a glazed doughnut that most people in our

Community could not name the five lawmakers who represent them.

As you know all too well, irrespective of our station or occupation, the above elected officials introduce, review and pass polices that have a direct impact on our lives. For those lawmakers, whose salaries we pay, it is very important that our desires be considered in the process of policy development, which results in the passing of laws.

And for our desires to be reflected in their actions, we must be regarded as relevant (significant and important). Although popular opinion and political lip service may infer that the needs of our Community are always under consideration, there is little evidence to support this claim. Too often, policy is created **for** our Community rather than **with** our Community.



Therefore, in an attempt to change that paradigm, the African American Communication and Collaboration Council will host a reception in the honor of the Madison Common Council, 5:00-7:00 p.m., 18 October 2013, in the Terrace Room of the Madison Club (5 East Wilson Street, Madison,

WI 53703).

The purpose of this event is to convey to the Madison Common Council our Community's depth, breadth and cooperation concerning mutually beneficial objectives.

To garner additional details and view our registration portal, please access <https://madisoncommoncouncilreception.eventbrite.com/>.

Please, please make every attempt possible to attend this importance event.

African American Community Welcomes Chancellor Rebecca Blank



A historic, ground-breaking Welcome Reception for University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor, Dr. Rebecca Blank, was staged 23 September and hosted by the African American Communication and Collaboration Council.

Held at the Madison Club, invited guests from the Greater Madison African-American Community welcomed the newly appointed Chancellor with positive dialog, well wishes and a message of partnership regarding our Community's depth, breadth and cooperation concerning mutually beneficial objectives.

Comments of Welcome were offered by Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Kappa Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ; Amos Anderson, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Carola Gaines, Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Teresita Torrence, Women in Focus; Mary Muse, Madison Metropolitan Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; and Janine N. Stephens, Madison Network of Black Professionals. Additionally,

18 October 2013
Reception for the Madison Common Council

19 October 2013
100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. General Membership Meeting

MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and

To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

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Candace M. McDowell delivered an impressive message as a UW Alumni and Dr. Jerlando Jackson spoke on behalf of the UW African-American Faculty.

Chancellor Blank expressed appreciation and affirmed her desire to engage our Community in truly meaningful dialog and action. *"The University of Wisconsin is a place of connection. It is a place where relationships develop between and among students, faculty and the community. It is clear that many of these relationships began through our current efforts and, with care, will grow in the future. I look forward to our continued collaboration."*

The One-for-One Project

Wanted: One Representative for Each Madison School

Two vital tenets of the [Greater Madison African American Educational Strategic Action Plan](#) are:

- We are responsible for the fate of African-American youth, and
- We must be active participants in the education of African-American children and be accountable for ensuring their success in all settings where learning takes place.



To accomplish those outcomes, the African American Communication and Collaboration Council (AACCC) has established a School Community program and seeks to connect at least one representative of our Community with each Madison public school.

The essential duties of those representatives are:

- Serve as an information liaison between that school and the community at large;
- Engage in dialog with the building principal regarding educational objectives and outcomes for African-American youth; and
- Provide support to administrators and instructional staff, as appropriate, in publicizing and promoting performances, exhibitions, displays, dedications or special programs sponsored by the school and open to the public.

If you have an interest and energy regarding this opportunity of community service, please [e-mail the AACCC](#) for more information.



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The Shoes in Boots Project

Make a difference in the life of a deserving little girl ...

Many, many years ago, a second-grade little girl was asked by her teacher to come to the front of the classroom and write a word on the blackboard. Although she was more than able to satisfy the academic request, the little girl was reluctant to come forward. Still, she complied.



As the little girl finished writing and placed the chalk back into the tray, she could feel the teacher's eyes fixed on her feet. "Won't you please remove your boots [galoshes]?" the teacher asked. (The teacher recognized that it was late spring and not raining outside.) Now, the eyes of everyone in the classroom were fixed on her feet.

Pushing her embarrassment down, the little girl politely answered, "No thank you. I would rather keep them on."

What the teacher and her classmates did not realize was that the little girl wanted to remove her boots but she opted to keep them on because they were holding her dilapidated shoes together. Without the support of the boots, the second grader might as well have been barefooted.

This story is not an urban legend; it is a true story that occurred about 87 years ago. The little girl was my Mom. By the grace of God, my Mom transitioned from a childhood of poverty to a very productive and satisfying life, and she is now 94 years young.

In her honor and to provide assistance to other second-grade girls who may be experiencing a similar fate, The Shoes in Boots Project was created.



The objective of this Project is to provide a new pair of shoes or a new pair of boots to a deserving area second-grade girl. The only requirements, aside from the qualifications of being in the second grade and able to demonstrate need, is for the recipient second grader to write a letter of thank you, in her own handwriting, to my Mother (Lula Rose) within a week of receiving the shoes/boots and supply a picture of her wearing the shoes/boots.

We anticipate the first distribution will be made before the end of November.

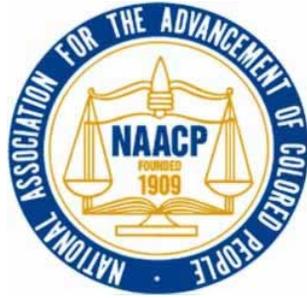
Note, this project is privately funded by Floyd and Mary Rose.

Donations are not sought, only the information about the second-grade girls who could use a new pair of shoes or boots.

[Click here](#) to take action and nominate an area second-grade girl who is deserving of a new pair of shoes or boots.

NAACP Ida B. Wells Freedom Fund Banquet

4 October 2013



The Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held 7:00 p.m., Friday, 4 October, at the Marriott West Hotel (1313 John Q Hammons Drive Middleton, WI). The cost is \$90 and includes a \$30 annual membership.

The Keynote Speaker of this signature event is Ron Busby, Jr., President of the United States Black Chamber

of Commerce. Mr. Busby is a successful business owner and a former world-class athlete.

For more information, contact the NAACP Madison Branch office at (608) 256-1942 or naacpmadison@voyager.net.



Ron Busby, Jr.

UW Multicultural Homecoming

11-13 October 2013



Rediscover your alma mater and enjoy a weekend of reminiscing, networking and Badger spirit. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones during this celebration, presented by the Wisconsin Alumni Association. For more information and to register, visit <http://uwalumni.com/multiculturalhomecoming>.

Now Accepting Articles & Photos

We are currently accepting stories and photographs for future issues of "If One Fails the Community Fails." Please submit your stories and event photos for consideration. Submission does not guarantee placement in this publication.

Stories should be 200 words or less and electronic photos should be 300 DPI or better in JPG format (NO SCANNED PHOTOS). Include captions for each photo (who, what, when, and where). Photos without captions WILL NOT be considered.

Submit your stories and photos (with captions) to president@africanamericancommunication.com.