

ARLINGTON, TX UNIT 6298

# NEWSLETTER

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## MLK Help After the Holiday Mobile Food Pantry



### January 2026 started with Arlington, TX NAACP serving the community

Early on a cold Saturday morning, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, over 100 volunteers converged on Mansfield ISD's Timberview High School parking lots to unload a panel truck with pallets of food, bag the donated food and distribute the much-needed food to families that came out to receive food. No registration was required.

The Arlington, TX NAACP planned for weeks with varies organizations volunteering to help. Here are but a few. Arlington Charities was instrumental in bringing enough food to feed 500 families. State Representative Chris Turner and his District Director Marisela Aramino. The Divine Nine: Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Kapa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, were identified, although others might have been present. Timberview High School students. Also, the Teamsters union and Church on the Move had a few volunteers come out to help.

The flow of traffic was managed by Arlington, TX police through coordination with Arlington Councilperson Nikki Hunt and officers from Tarrant County Constable Sandra Lee's office. Volunteer Deputy Registrars from March to the Polls and North Texas Vote handed out voter registration cards, spoke with families while they waited for food encouraging them to VOTE.

Radio ads on 97.9, the Beat and Magic 94.5 help get the word out to the public with 94.5 coming to Timberview and energizing the crowd to keep them focused and their minds off of how cold it was that day. (See last page for more)

Thank you to all who made this inaugural event a success,  
Jason Thomas, President-Arlington, TX NAACP #6298

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Save  
The  
Date

## NAACP


Arlington Texas Branch


Democratic Primary Candidate Forum

**YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE.**

 Tuesday, February 10, 2026

 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Following NAACP Meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

 **New Life Fellowship** 201 E. Sublett Road, Arlington, Texas 76018

 **In-Person Forum • Livestreamed on Facebook Live**

- Featured Democratic Primary Races:

- Tarrant County Judge
- Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct 2
- Texas House District 101
- U.S. Congress – District 30
- U.S. Congress – District 12 (limited Arlington precincts)

\* Candidates invited. Participation subject to availability.

**Join us in person or watch live on Facebook.**

Hosted by the **NAACP Arlington Branch Political Action Committee**

[www.arlingtontxnaacp.org](http://www.arlingtontxnaacp.org)

## NAACP Arlington Texas Branch

HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

### MEDICATIONS AND YOU

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

A public health education presentation focused on medication safety, interactions, and awareness.

Presented By:

**Lisa Staples-Wherry, MS, BSN, RN**  
Health Committee Chair

**Terri Gaston, RPh**  
Armed Services and Veterans  
Affairs Committee Chair

- ▶ Tuesday, January 13, 2026
- ▶ NAACP Business Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Health Presentation Begins: 7:00 p.m.

**VIRTUAL (WITH A POSSIBLE HYBRID OPTION)**  
Meeting access details will be shared in advance

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- ▶ Understanding prescribed medications and their purpose
- ▶ Common medication interactions and side effects
- ▶ Questions everyone should ask their healthcare provider
- ▶ Medication safety for seniors, veterans, caregivers, and families.
- ▶ Building awareness to support safer medication use

## MEDICATION AWARENESS MATTERS

Medication misunderstandings can lead to serious health risks. NAACP Arlington, TX Health committee Chair, Lisa Staples-Wherry and Register Pharmacist Terri Gaston, Armed Services and Veterans Affairs chair presented **“Medications & You: What Everyone Should Know.”** It was a virtual presentation designed to help our community better understand medication safety.



# Healthy Lives Matter

A ROY C BROOKS EVENT



## 12th Annual HLM Prostate Cancer Screening Event

The Arlington, TX NAACP Health Committee is sharing an upcoming Prostrate Cancer Screening event because, black men are disproportionately impacted by Prostrate Cancer.

### Commissioner Roderick Miles, Jr.

invites you to attend and participate in the

12th Annual HLM Prostate Cancer Screening Event

**DATE:** Saturday, February 28, 2026

**TIME:** 10A.M. - 2 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Moncrief Cancer Institute, 400 W. Magnolia Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104

**REGISTRATION**

***NOTE: Screening available for males aged 30 to 80 years old.***

**10 a.m.:** Door opens and check in begins

**11 a.m.-noon:** Welcome remarks from Tarrant County Commissioner Roderick Miles, Jr. and The Honorable Roy Charles Brooks, and prostate cancer educational presentation from Solomon Woldu, M.D.

**Noon:** PSA lab draws begin and lunch available

**2 p.m.-**Lunch and PSA lab draws end

***Free lunch will be provided for all who attend.***

In Solidarity,

***Lisa Staples-Wherry, Health Chair***

***Jason Thomas, President, Arlington, TX #6298***

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