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**Long Beach Branch NAACP Will Recognize Corporations and Branch Supporters at the 2009 Centennial & 30<sup>th</sup> Founders Celebration**

The Long Beach Branch NAACP is announcing their 2009 Centennial & 30<sup>th</sup> Founders Celebration Dinner & Awards Presentation to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Long Beach Westin, 333 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, California.

The 2009 Honorees are: Conductor of the Long Beach Municipal Band **Larry Curtis** to receive **Lifetime Achievement Award**, Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau President and CEO **Steve Goodling** to receive **Humanitarian Award**. The Long Beach Branch NAACP **Founders Awards** will be presented to: **Congresswoman Laura Richardson** to receive **Zelma A. Lipscomb**, Business owner **H. Maxie Viltz** to receive **Lillie V. Grigsby**, and **Councilmember Dee Andrews** to receive **Ernest McBride, Sr.**

**Kaiser Permanente** will receive the **Corporation of the Year Award** to include special recognition of doctors: **Dr. Phyllis Hayes Reams**, Internal Medicine, Geriatric, Palliative & Hospice Care, **Dr. Donna Elhers**, Psychiatric Medicine, and **Dr. Vanessa E. Gavin-Headen**, Family Practice Medicine. These doctors are being recognized for their special medical services beyond the call of duty to the community.

The **Port of Long Beach Harbor Commission** will receive the **Centennial Award**.

Educators **Davian Freeman** and **Charles Smith** to receive **Centennial Trailblazer Award**.

**President's Award to Morry's of Naples**. Many young people of our community benefit from the generous support of our 2009 President Award recipient.

**Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** has been selected to receive a **Centennial Recognition Award**.

The Centennial celebrates 100 years of NAACP in the struggle for civil rights. The Centennial Celebration of the NAACP is also a phenomenal opportunity to provide the community with a wealth of historical information about the accomplishments of the NAACP.

This signature event will generate funds for Long Beach Branch NAACP Branch Programs such as: the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO Program), Stay-In-School Program, Leadership Academy and Development Program, Scholars Dollars Program, Youth Wealth Empowerment Program, Non-Violent Conflict Resolution, Fit and Focus Camps, Discovery of the Arts, Talent Search and Development Program, Careers and Mentorship Program, Math and Science Collaboration (MESA) with CSULB, Law Day Program, and Young Entrepreneurs Program.

Event Sponsorship, auction items, Scholarship Sponsors are still needed and individual/corporate tickets are still available. You may contact Michelle Arellano at (562) 856-7586 or (562) 900-7165 or via email [mnaacp@gmail.com](mailto:mnaacp@gmail.com) for additional information.

