Sunday April 5, 2020

Salem & Keizer Community,

Here we are, all of us, in a place that we have never been before. The COVID-19 Pandemic is real and continues to infect, disable and unfortunately take lives. It's not particular to a person, location, time or place. The Salem Keizer NAACP asks and promote the recognition and the required steps for all of us to follow:

- Stay home
- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water

This time additionally allows us, as a people and community, to work toward the goals that the NAACP were founded upon:

- Work to toward the betterment of all
- See that social and government services are available to all, not a few or select
- See that our very young to our most senior of citizen needs (thru family, friends, love ones and neighbors) are being addressed [health and welfare]

Monday April 6th is the 1st and possibly not the only General Membership Meeting to be canceled because of a nationwide crisis. But this cancellation does NOT mean we are not working to take care of the business that has this organization, at one hundred and eleven years old, continues to fight: discrimination, racism and bigotry.

We invite you, our members, friends and coalition partners to continue that work with us to carry this mission forward in new ways- technologically. We are now forced to utilize the technology of the basic telephone (calling), our computers (emails) and our cellphones (text) in new more productive ways: live streaming, video conferencing and more. This latest challenge (COVID-19), is a challenge to our collective will to continue the fight for what is right and provide the means to bring it into reality.

Let’s get started.

Sincerely,

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