



## Branch Newsletter

# November-December, 2024

By the Communication, Press & Publicity Committee

### November and December meetings rescheduled due to holidays

Because both Thanksgiving and Christmas fall on the fourth Thursday of the month — our regular meeting dates, the Executive Committee recently voted to hold our general membership meetings a week in advance. So we invite you to join us on Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, 7 p.m., at the Ricketts Center, 658 Beech Street, Pottstown.

If you can't make the meeting in person, here's a Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995648174?pwd=QlAyaHZkWIJXZWk1T3FWcHNFVnJlOQT09> Meeting ID:849 9564 8174 Passcode: 937480



### **Happy holidays!**

*Whatever winter holiday you celebrate, we wish that it be joyous and meaningful for you and your loved ones.*

*Also, we wish you a happy New Year!*

*Then, buckle up for 2025. We anticipate that we'll have a lot of work to do.*





Above: Branch President Johnny Corson introduces the state legislature candidates, Republican Mike McCloskey and Democratic incumbent Joe Ciresi.

### **Branch's candidate forum a success**

About 75 people attended a candidate forum hosted by the Branch on Oct. 24 at the Ricketts Center. It was a lively discussion, available for viewing on the PCTV YouTube channel. Evan Brandt's story for the Mercury is here: <https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/10/25/mccloskey-ciresi-address-issues-at-naacp-candidate-forum/>

### **Be on the alert**

After reports of racist, threatening messages being sent to high school students and others, the state NAACP issued the following:

If you are contacted or become aware of anyone receiving threatening text messages—whether they contain threats of violence, enslavement, spitting, physical assault, or any other form of intimidation—please report this information immediately to the State Conference at [naacppastate-conference@gmail.com](mailto:naacppastate-conference@gmail.com) and include Anthony Ashton in the Office of the General Counsel at [aashton@naacpnet.org](mailto:aashton@naacpnet.org).

### **Corson re-appointed to Human**

#### **Relations Commission**

Branch President Johnny Corson has been appointed by Borough Council to serve another four-year term on the Pottstown Human Relations Commission.

The seven-member group of volunteers aims to improve the quality of human relations in Pottstown.

### **Book Club pick for December**



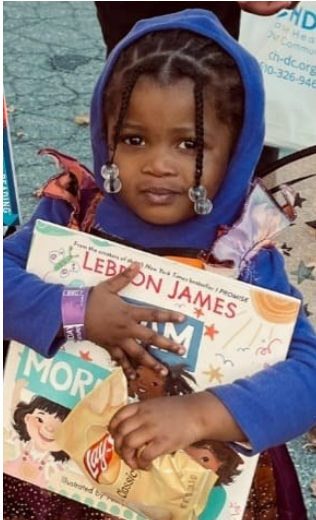
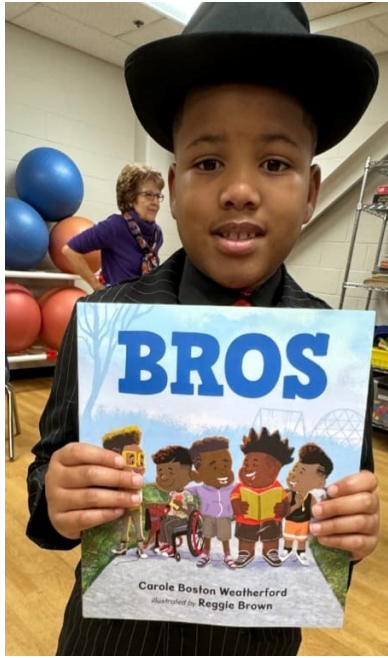
The book for Dec. 9 will be Ala Stanford's *Take Care of Them Like My Own: Faith, Fortitude, and a Surgeon's Fight for Health Justice*. Stanford, founder of the Black Doctors Consortium, grew up in working class North Philadelphia. She knew from a young age that she wanted to be a doctor, but dismissive teachers, racism, sexism and poverty stood in her way.

Today, however, she is one of the few Black female surgeons in America. In what the publisher calls an "unflinching account," she shares her story and "her understanding of America's racial health gap, an insidious and lethal form of inequality that exacts a devastating toll on Black communities across the county, affluent and underserved alike."

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. at the Pottstown Regional Public Library. Books are reserved by the library for the group.

***You're invited! Come join the discussion!***





### Boo-tiful events

Branch members had a lot of fun passing out NAACP info, candy and books at two recent events, the YMCA's Trunk or Treat on Oct. 24 and the Heart of God Harvest Festival. On Oct. 26.

