

NAACP Hammond to Host 2024 Freedom Luncheon

NAACP Hammond continues critical work empowering communities through advocacy and celebration.

Hammond, Indiana Aug 20, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The NAACP Hammond, Indiana, Branch is proud to announce its 2024 Freedom Luncheon, which will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Dynasty Banquet Hall, 4141 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. This significant event marks a cornerstone of the branch's efforts to promote civil rights, increase opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all community members.

As the most important fundraiser of the year for the Hammond Branch, the 2024 Freedom Luncheon promises an afternoon filled with inspiration, entertainment, and recognition of community leaders. This year's keynote speaker is Shontrai D. Irving, President of the Indiana Lake County Bar Association. Irving, a clinical associate professor of business law at Purdue University, also serves on the Law School's Black Law Students Association Alumni Advisory Board. His extensive experience and commitment to justice and education make him a compelling voice for this event.

Brian Jackson, a distinguished Morning Show News Anchor at Fox 32 in Chicago, will emcee the luncheon. A Chicago native and Howard University alumnus, Jackson brings a wealth of experience and a dynamic presence to the event.

The legendary Billy Shelton and the Spaniels, renowned for their classic hit "Goodnight, Sweetheart," will provide musical entertainment, adding a nostalgic and celebratory atmosphere to the luncheon.

In addition to the keynote address and musical performance, the NAACP Hammond Branch will honor several outstanding community members and leaders, including Attorney Irving. These recognitions highlight the significant contributions of individuals dedicated to advancing civil rights and improving the Hammond community.

The proceeds from the Freedom Luncheon will support the NAACP Hammond Branch's ongoing advocacy efforts and scholarship programs for local youth. These initiatives are vital for continuing the branch's mission to remove barriers and create opportunities for all individuals. The success of these programs is primarily due to the generous support from community partners, businesses, and organizations.

Tickets for the luncheon are available for a donation of \$50 per person. In addition to attending, supporters can contribute by becoming a Freedom Sponsor or purchasing an ad in the Program Ad Book.

Rev. Homer Cobb, President of the Hammond Branch, emphasized the importance of community support by sharing an important quote from Dr. Martin Luther King: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Join the NAACP Hammond Branch in celebrating and supporting the ongoing fight for civil rights and equality at the 2024 Freedom Luncheon. Your participation and contributions are crucial in continuing this vital work.

For further information or to reserve your tickets, please contact Rev. Homer Cobb at 219-670-0883, Nancy Cobb at nancycobb357@gmail.com, or Elvis Slaughter at eslaugh108@aol.com.

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