

Cameron Parish NAACP



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“A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People”

PICTURED IS: Mrs Louise Cole, president of the Cameron Branch of the NAACP, being presented a Charter for the Cameron Parish branch by Emmitt J. Douglas, member of the National Board of Directors of NAACP. (Photo appeared in the September 14, 1978 issue of the Lake Charles American Press.)

Forty-eight years ago on June 12, 1978 the Cameron Parish Branch NAACP was organized. The original officers of the Cameron branch included President Louise Cole, Vice President Dr. Cecil Clark, Secretary Dr. Charles Cole, Assistant Secretary Mrs. Beatrice Frasier, Treasurer Mrs. Bobbie Jean LeBlanc, and Chaplain Rev. Larry January.

For all of these years, the branch has stood with honor and integrity with the people of Cameron Parish. They have built upon a tradition of providing services to young and old. They continue to work and pray with all sectors of the Cameron community to unify and strengthen our beautiful Cameron Parish. The chapter has been recognized as one of the outstanding branches in the state. Memberships are the life blood of the organization. Meetings are held every third Friday of the month at Pryces' Recreational Building, Hwy. 90, Lake Charles, LA.

Every year, the branch sponsors an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. They hold Freedom Fund activities and scholarships are awarded to the youth who properly apply for them.

In 2004, the Monkey Island ferry landing was re-named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Police Jury and state promised that when a bridge is eventually built to the island it will be named the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge.

Current officers serving with Mrs. Cole are Vice President Mrs. Beatrice Williams, Secretary Dr. Charles Cole, and Treasurer Mrs. Mary Cockrell. You may contact the branch at 337-660-5002 or 337-764-2903.