



**Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service  
Westchester County (NY) Chapter**

November 15, 2017

My beloved Sister Links in this season of Thanksgiving we begin to focus upon family more so let us remember all the things that make us feel thankful and blessed. I am truly grateful for all the blessings and opportunities that God has given us to serve in our community and abroad. My sisters we are a blessing to our Westchester Community through all the ways in which we serve - YA, L.I.F.E, Colgate Dental Van, Karolyn Thomas Book Fair, Scholarships, In An Art State Of Mind, Voter Education..... Let us reach out in service and friendship to those in need. Whether it's our Sister Link who may be experiencing a difficult and different holiday season or reaching out to those in the community in need of a friend.

**BLESSINGS**

**BE PRESENT**

**LET THE DAY FLOW WITH GRACE**

**EXPECT NOTHING. GIVE THANKS FOR EVERYTHING**

**SURRENDER. BE OPEN**

**SPEAK ONLY KINDNESS AND GOODNESS**

**IMPART ONLY LOVE**

**NEVER FORGET YOU'RE NOT ALONE**

**GIVE SO YOU MAY RECEIVE**

**SEE GOODNESS IN OTHERS**

National Update -Congratulations our 284th Links chapter, the Hilton Head (SC) Chapter!

Certified Candidates for National Office and Chair of the National Nominating Committee were received and sent to the members on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

<b>National President:</b>	<b>National Vice President:</b>	<b>Chair of the National Nominating Committee:</b>
Roxanne Chargois Missouri City (TX) Chapter	Teree L. Caldwell-Johnson Des Moines (IA) Chapter	Jamir R. Couch Long Island (NY) Chapter
Kimberly L. Jeffries Leonard Arlington (VA) Chapter	Natalie H. Fant Reston (VA) Chapter	Kimberly Mayberry Las Vegas (NV) Chapter
	Eneid A. Francis Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter	
<b>National Recording Secretary:</b>		<b>National Treasurer:</b>
Crystal L. Kendrick Queen City (OH) Chapter	Kim Mumby Green Fairfield County (CT) Chapter	Ethelyn S. Bowers Essex County (NJ) Chapter
	Clara C. Lee Farmington Valley (CT) Chapter	
	Carolyn E. Lewis Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter	

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### Eastern Area Update – Participated in EA President’s call and received updates regarding

Correspondence Affairs Team Information: requesting update chapter information regarding Facet chairs and chapter officers.

Link Crystal Barton, Niagara Falls (NY) Chapter President, Code of Ethics and Standards Member Acknowledgement Recap: provided best practices and example of spreadsheet to track acknowledgement forms.

Link Terrie S. Rouse, Prince George’s County (MD) Chapter, Archives Eastern Area Co-Chair: reviewed ways for chapters to start the archival process and End of Tenure Archives Presentation to help chapters keep chapter records.

Scott Hawkins Cohort discussed highlights, criteria and deadlines.

On our November call, the Organizational Effectiveness Chair, Link Wanda Matthews, Long Island (NY) Chapter will join us to brief us on the purpose of Organizational Effectiveness Committee and how they can help you in your chapters. The overall purpose of the Organizational Effectiveness Committee(s) within The Links, Incorporated is, “to serve as watchful stewards of the two pillars of our organization: Friendship and Service”. The primary goals established by our Eastern Area Committee are to provide a vehicle for the resolution of disputes within Chapters before they threaten their ability to provide transformational programming to the communities that we service and to help chapters maintain positive, productive relationships. In the interim, should you have questions, feel free to reach out to Link Wanda at [WMATT162@aol.com](mailto:WMATT162@aol.com).

Technology Presentation - Seven Phillips, CEO and Founder of Perfection, gave us a presentation regarding website services available to chapters.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Will be meeting this month to review budgets for 2018-2019**

Our Legislative Affairs & Public Issues Committee sponsored a Voter Education Forum at Westchester Community College on November 1 from 11AM – 1PM. Thank you Links B. Miles, M. Graves, J. Hines, A. Khan, H. Blackwood and H. Fleming. Thank you Link Dawna for your postings on Twitter and FB – We received 801 reads/impressions on Twitter; we received 2911 impressions and readers and 644 “Likes” on FB

### **NOVEMBER IS FRIENDSHIP MONTH - HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING**

**#HAVEYOU CALLED YOUR SISTER LINK?**

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I attended the Big Apple Cluster Founders' Day which was held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Sugar Hill Children's Museum. Special Guest was our own Area Director Natalie Fant. Link B. Edwards served us proud by providing the historical aspect of the Links Big Apple Cluster.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday Matinee at 3PM Big Apple Cluster Alvin Ailey Fellowship visit [bigapplecluster2017alvinailey.eventbrite.com](http://bigapplecluster2017alvinailey.eventbrite.com). Only a few tickets remain available for sale.

Have you been keeping up with Links communications from our National office? It is not too late to donate to the Hurricane Disaster Relief efforts. You should have received the current edition of Programming Linked Up and Link to Link via email.

Thank you for making time in your schedules to attend the National webinars (they also count towards your 48 Service hours) and help us to better understand Linkdom.

Upcoming Programming Webinars -

Topics include: Black Lives Matter - Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 9PM

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) In Preventing HIV/AIDS In African-American Women - Wednesday, November 29, 2017 @ 9PM

This discussion will review the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in African-American women and highlight the impact of PrEP on preventing HIV/AIDS, as well as outline the barriers, benefits and risks of PrEP. Participants will learn what The Links can do to improve awareness of HIV/AIDS, not only in African-American women, but also the African-American community.

**Who Should Attend:** Area HHS Chairs and all interested members

Move With Heart: Resources for American Heart Month  
from NHLBI and The Links, Incorporated - Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 7:30PM

Get up-to-date information from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute on the latest resources to help you improve your health!

**Who Should Attend:** Area HHS Chairs and all interested members

Financially Linked With The Links Foundation, Incorporated - December 6, 2017 @ 9PM

This workshop will address the purpose of The Links Foundation. Participants will learn how chapters collaborate with the foundation and ways to give to it. Learn how chapters fundraise in our organization in support of charitable and educational purposes, and chapter programming. This interactive and informational workshop will provide detailed examples of foundation



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processes and procedures to ensure our chapters have the tools to conduct successful and profitable fundraisers.

**Who Should Attend:** Area Treasurers, Chapter Treasurers, Program Chairs and all interested members.

National Program Updates - 2016-2018 National Program Reports Submission Process - The portal will open on October 16, 2017; all chapters are mandated to submit at least one program report for the programming period.

There will be Help Desk support via email (10/16/17 - 2/1/18) at [support.links@mightyspark.com](mailto:support.links@mightyspark.com) or phone (12 p.m. to 3 p.m.) at (202) 350-1851) on Tuesdays beginning Oct.31-Dec.12, 2017 and Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 9 thru February 1, 2018.

Reviewer Certification training for 2016-2018 - Dates are Tuesday, November 7, 14 and 28, 2017 at 9PM. Members will earn service hours for their time. See the online Programming Link UP for registration.

Several Sister Links are being honored in October and November- Dawna Michelle, Lisa, Dianne, Belinda and Javette - keep up the good work! Congratulations to you all.

Let us continue to keep our Link Family in our prayers and reach out to them letting them know we care. Please keep Link Priscilla in your prayers as she is recovering from an injured shoulder. Let's Keep Connected and be there for one another during this holiday season. Congratulations to Link Mary Spells, she has a new granddaughter.

Thank you to HHS Facet for your heart moving, keeping us connected presentation during our October chapter meeting. **"FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING"**

Much appreciation to Link Kathie and Link Mary G. for sharing your stories with your "Sistas" and helping to build that invisible thread of being connected, a sense of kinship and showing the true meaning of friendship. Thank you to everyone who shared and encouraged us to take better care of ourselves health wise. Thank you Links Michelle and Hillary for encouraging us to put that SUGAR DOWN.

**New Items**

**"At the Heart of The Matter"/ Soulful Moments** - In keeping with the need to be connected to one another I would like to propose a time for us during our meetings to get to know one another better by sharing with each other our joys, our good news, our sad news and things that may be on our hearts. This way when we are able to share with one another then we will know how to reach to each other in sisterly ways. Please let me know your thoughts.



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**Program Meeting** - Will be held on November 28, 2017 at 7PM at the Greenburgh Library small conference room. I am requesting all Facet chairs, Scholarship Chairs, Membership Chair and Strategic Plan Chair to be in attendance. Guest presenter will be Link Joyce Turnipseed, National Program Chair.

**Mampong Babies Home** - On behalf of ITS we are asking members to consider giving a financial donation or donate new or gently used babies clothes to the babies and children of the Mampong Babies Home in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.

*Happy Birthday to Our Sisters Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and special occasions in October, November and December.*

*SANDI 10/4*

*LA TIA 10/22*

*DIANNE 10/27*

*LISA 11/11*

*GWEN 11/13*

*TERRY 11/29*

*JOYCE K. 11/30*

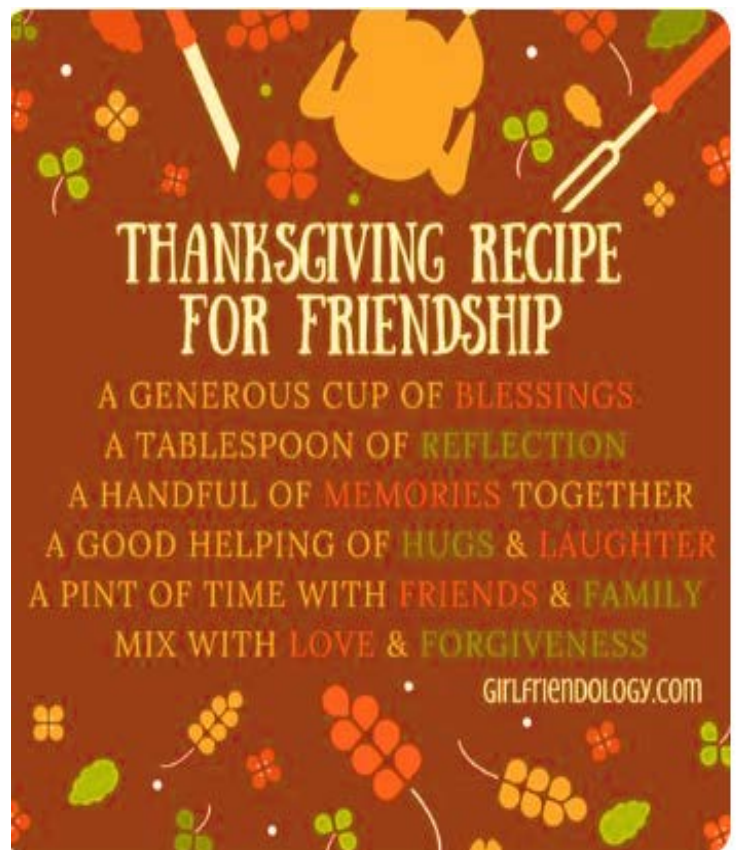
*DONNA 12/3*

*JACKIE 12/10*

*CAROL 12/11*

*MARYFRANCES 12/16*

*MARY 12/29*



*Link Terry*  
*Your Sister & Friend*

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