



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

October 17, 2017

My beloved Sister Links welcome to our Fall Season – Fall is a season of transition and time to let go as we enter the season of thanksgiving. Fall, then is the perfect season to give generously of your time and talents to others. As we continue living in this world of constant change and unexpected violence let us be reminded of how we can be of help to others in need through service and friendship.

National Update – Participated in a President's call with Link Glenda Newell Harris who encouraged attendance at the Leadership Summit - Digital Age Conversation that addresses issues of sexual health, to strategies to win; Discussed process for Scott Hawkins Institute applications (25-39 years) that it is a chapter decision for the nomination; Discussed that we as Links support one another – by helping other Links chapters and that from the National Executive Board to the local chapter level we all serve as volunteer resources to one another

Eastern Area Update – Participated in EA President's call and received updates regarding programming and forwarded them to the Facet Chairs; Eastern Area Health Equity Ambassador Summit 2018 – Bahamas (tentative dates March 8-11, 2018); received updated Membership information (Service Hours Toolkit, Platinum Member recommendation Form, Friendship Month Reminder), Financial information (i.e. Bonding, 990, Dues & Fee, Special Event Insurance) Programming information (i.e. Linkages to Life, Donor Sabbath Weekend). Discussion was held regarding Social Media sites for the Eastern Area and encouraged to post local chapter events on these sites (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). Also received a review of the Chapter Recording Secretary Duties from EA Recording Secretary, Link Lisa Loury Lomas.

*As you can see our work in the Westchester Community has already begun.*

Please help Me Welcome Link JoAnn Dudley to the Executive Committee, as Scholarship Co-Chair.

*On September 24<sup>th</sup> Westchester County (NY), The Links supported the Walk to End Alzheimer's along with the LIFE students from Woodlands H.S.*

*We have had another successful book fair – The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Karolyn Thomas Book Fair was held from October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the Theodore D. Young Community Center. We provided books to 316 students and 114 parent/guardians this year. That is up from last's numbers of 267 students served last year. STY is looking into providing a spring time literacy component at TDYCC. Thank you to all of our Sister Links who made this possible.*

*On October 6<sup>th</sup> I along with our ITS Facet Chairs and Links Delores and Dianne had the opportunity to meet with Nana-Fosu Randall President and Founder of Voices of African*

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Mothers to discuss our continued partnership with one another and future goals and visions. On November 17, 2017 Link Dianne will be honored by Voices of African Mothers (VAM) for her work and being instrumental in bringing VAM and The Links together in partnership.

The chapter was represented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Theodore D. Young Community Center on October 11th, featuring Keynote speaker Former Ambassador Andrew Young. The evening was full of history about the community center, encouraging to see our young people perform a moving tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Andrew Young( I am MLK, Jr.; I am Andrew Young).

The YWCA Book Club event featuring author Ibi Zobi was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the White Plains Library. Her book "American Street" was discussed. The talk back portion of the event was engaging and discussed cultural differences and how to educate others. Thank you ITS.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST – 2018- 2019 BUDGETS ARE DUE NOW**

Links Leadership Summit will be held from October 26-28<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco, CA

October is Voter Education Month - #votingrights, @linksvote. Our Legislative Affairs was busy initiating our Voter Education Campaign. Let's join in the campaign by using hashtag - @westchesterlinksvote

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we sponsored a voter education event at Westchester Community College. Thank you Links B. Miles, M. Graves, J. Hines, A. Khan and H. Fleming.

Next event will be on Wednesday, November 1 from 11AM – 1PM at Westchester Community College – Learn About the NYS Constitutional Convention Issue

**OCTOBER is also BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - #HAVEYOUCHECKEDYOURBREASTS?**



**NOVEMBER IS FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

Big Apple Cluster Founders' Day will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 6pm-8:30PM. Cost is \$50. Special Guest will be our own Area Director Natalie Fant. We are in need of a few hostesses for the evening. An email was sent to you. Please



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register via Eventbrite. Link B. Edwards will be on the program, 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 [bigapplecluster2017alvinaley.eventbrite.com](http://bigapplecluster2017alvinaley.eventbrite.com)

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 via email.

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

These are the upcoming Programming Webinars – see Programming Link UP or National Website. Topics include:

Utilizing Your Mental Health Kit – Thursday, Oct. 19 @ 9PM;

2017-18 National Poster Art Contest: MY Vision, My Future – Thursday, Nov. 2 @ 9PM

2016-2018 Program Reports Submission Overview – Thursday, Nov. 9 @ 9PM

Black Lives Matter – Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 9PM

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 and Javette - keep up the good work! Congratulations to you all.

I ask that we as a chapter continue to keep our Link Family in our prayers and reach out to them letting them know we care. Connecting Link Doug is recovering from hip surgery at home and Link Joyce Kittrell's father (Mr. Edson Mills) past away. I've also just been informed that Link Barbara Gundy's father Mr. Charles Alexander transitioned on this past Sunday. Please keep Barbara in your prayers as well as she and her family prepare for his home going services on this Saturday. Let's Keep Connected and be there for one another.



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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.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Leadership Luncheon on September 30th with Link Patricia Russell McCloud our 11th National President. I hope that you are renewed and inspired and ready to continue the work in Westchester Community with us.

I give special appreciation to Link Dawna Michelle for helping to bring my vision into fruition for our chapter and to Links Hillary and Jennifer (who showed up early to set-up). Link Patricia sent her appreciation for all the hospitality and engaging conversation that we had during the luncheon and encouraged us to continue to work that we started together.

*Link Terry*

**“There are women who make things better... simply by showing up. There are women who make things happen. There are women who make their way. There are women who make a difference. And women who make us smile. There are women of wit and wisdom who- through strength and courage- make it through. There are women who change the world everyday... Women like us, My Sister Links.” Paraphrased from Ashley Rice**