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## Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

### COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: International Trends & Services**

**MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2016**, Conference Call, 9:00 p.m.

Present on Call: Links J. Boucher, B. Gundy, T. Joyner, D. Brathwaite, MF. Perkins, I.J. Hines

*Topics discussed include:*

V.A.M. Mampong Baby Shower (December)

Gorton HS **Books for Brains** (Update)

Service Hours Opportunities

Ketchie's Umbrella Project Update

*Track It Forward* Tutorial

UNA Westchester Celebration (10/23/16)

The ITS Facet continues to collaborate with our partners. Recently, Links Joyce K., Barbara G. and Joyce K. visited Gorton HS and assisted Gorton HS students and teachers with packing boxes of donated books/reading materials for their school wide Books for Brains initiative. Link Delores has arranged for the **Voices for African Mothers** (V.A.M.), organization to ship these books to students in Ghana.

Link Delores discussed plans for the rescheduled baby shower for babies and toddlers living at the Mampong Orphanage in Ghana. Plans are to hold the shower on December 3, 2016. All members should donate items from the emailed list. The event will be held at the Theodore Young Community Center in Greenburgh. A flyer will be sent to the Chapter.

Link Terry provided all members, on the call, with a Track It Forward tutorial. All ITS Facet members will record their hours using this process. She also discussed the upcoming Chapter Retreat that will be held at the Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook on November 19, 2016. Link Jackie stated that there are several service opportunities coming up in addition to the Chapter meetings/events.

### **(See Attached)**

Chris Vaccaro and the students of Woodlands HS, are ready to start the skype "Across the Miles" initiative with the students in Ghana. Link Javette advised that teachers surveyed suggested that the participating teachers plan common teaching/learning activities for students in Ghana and the United States.

Links Jackie and B. Gundy discussed the well attended October 23rd, United Nations birthday celebration at the YWCA in White Plains, (across from White Plains HS) students from our partner schools and Jack & Jill of Westchester Chapter will be in attendance. The theme for this year's United Nations event focused on the current refugee crisis.

A Ketchie Project summary, with photos, will soon be shared with Chapter members.



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## ATTACHMENT

### **International Trends & Services CALENDAR EVENTS**

Service Opportunities for International Trends & Services Facet-  
**UNA-USA Westchester** has forwarded the events/dates below for our calendars.

#### **1. Shining Light on a Dark World: South Sudan**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Harrison Public Library, 2 Bruce Avenue, Harrison NY 10528**

**Speakers:** Jean-Victor Nkolo, *Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Africa*; Nya Chambang, *Thon Met African Peace Foundation, Inc.*

**Cosponsors:** Westchester County Chapter of The Links, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mercy College Center for Global Engagement, Harrison Public Library

Additional upcoming events that you can put on your calendars are listed below:

#### **2. Panel Discussion on the Work of the UN**

***"Preparing today's youth and educating the community on the role, focus, and mission of the United Nations"***

**Sunday, December 17, 2016, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Greenburgh Public Library

100 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford, NY 10532

#### **3. Mini Model UN on Climate Change for High School Students (THIS IS A RESCHEDULED DATE)**

***"Model UN on Climate Change for Westchester High School students"***

**Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Mercy College Rotunda, Dobbs Ferry NY

Contact: Smahane Nounouh at <mailto:snounouh112@gmail.com>

**Organized by Mercy College Center for Global Engagement.**

#### **4. Mid-Atlantic Conference/UNA-USA Members' Day at the United Nations**

***"The U.S. and the UN: New Leaders, pressing Challenges"***

**Friday, February 17, 2017, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

UN Headquarters New York City

For more information, visit [UNA-USA](http://UNA-USA).

**Organized with UNA-USA National HQ and the Southern NY State Division.**

#### **5. International Women's Day**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Greensburgh Public Library

300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford, NY 10523