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Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: International Trends & Services

MEETING DATE: Tuesday October 11, 2016, Conference Call, 9:00 p.m.

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

Topics discussed include:

Results of End-of- Program Survey
Voices of African Mother's Update
UNA-USA Celebration

Ketchie's Umbrella Project Update
Gorton HS **Books for Brains** Update
2nd Tuesday Monthly Meeting

The ITS Facet continues to collaborate with our school partners. Links Jackie, B. Gundy and J. Kittrell. have visited Woodlands and Gorton High Schools and *discussed* program initiatives for 2016-17. Link Javette discussed some details of the end of program results completed by our school partners. A complete analysis of the results will be shared soon.

Links Jackie and Javette discussed a recent exciting Sustainability Symposium they recently attended. They suggested inviting the presenter, Monaqui Porter Young to speak with our Links Chapter. She is the CEO of Srina Teas and the owner of a tea farm in Sri Lanka. The teas are organic. Her farm is in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The United Nations 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include:

- *eliminate poverty*
- *end hunger*
- *promote good health and well-being*

Link Delores discussed her recent visit to Ghana. She would like to continue the "Across the Miles" initiative with Woodlands High School. Mr. Vaccaro has advised that he is ready to begin the skype program at Woodlands. Link Javette stated that teachers surveyed suggested that the participating teachers plan common teaching/learning activities for students in Ghana and the United States. She discussed a need for supporting an infant orphanage in Ghana. More information about how Westchester Links can support this initiative will be available soon. Link Delores stated that she will meet with Gorton HS staff to assess and divide the school wide **Books for Brains** collected books in preparation for delivery to Ghana and/or Jamaica. Links Jackie and Joyce will visit Gorton to look at the number of books. on Thursday, October 13th.

Link MaryFrances and Link Tahira discussed the successful conclusion of our Chapter's Ketchie's Project which will be discussed further at a future date.



We FINISHED!



Link Kellye is now a glue gun master



Links Barbara, Delores and Terry helped to make each doll more beautiful with bright, and colorful accessories, unique hair styles, and designer bloomers.

Links Jackie and B. Gundy discussed the upcoming 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 event will focus on the refugee crisis.

Students and administrators have been asked to attend a special all day conference on Saturday, November 5, 2016 on the campus of Mercy College to learn strategies for conducting a model United Nations program. (see attached)

Link Dianne discussed changes in the Chapter meeting calendar for November (11-19-16) and December (12-3-16). She also discussed a trip being planned for a visit to the new African American Smithsonian Museum for April.

The call concluded at 10:22 p.m.

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Model UN Program at Mercy College, November 5, 2016

In collaboration with the United Nations Association (UNA-USA), Westchester Chapter, Westchester County Chapter of the Links, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mercy College will host a Model UN Mini-simulation on “**Climate Change**” on Saturday November 5 at its Dobbs Ferry campus. It will be coordinated by the International Relations and Diplomacy Program (IRDP), School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SSBS). The facilitators of the session will be Mercy College IRDP students and the participants will be approximately 50 students from Westchester County high schools. Some 10-15 IRDP students will assist the high school students in their simulation. Some IRDP students will attend the UN Day event at the YWCA in White Plains on October 23. They will participate in a mini-sim related to refugees at that event.

- Date: **November 5, Saturday**
- Venue: Rotunda, Mercy Hall, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry
- Time: **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The day will be divided into the following sections:

- 1) 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.: Opening and inspirational speeches
President of Mercy College, Dean of SSBS and graduates of IRDP, as well as a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from the region are expected to address the participants.
- 2) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Preparation for and training of students for the simulation

IRDP faculty and students will give training and practice to the high school student participants in order to well prepare them for the simulation. They will not only brief the students about the procedures and the UN, but also give practice to help them fully prepare for the simulation.

- 3) 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. : Lunch (to be served at Rotunda)
- 4) 1:00 pm. – 4:30 p.m. : Model UN Simulation on **Climate Change**

By following the Simulation Lesson Plan, under the guidance of the IRDP faculty, the participating students will conduct the simulation as delegates. Some IRDP students will take chairmanship positions, and others will advise and coach the participants in their process of discussion, speech delivery, negotiation, drafting resolutions, etc. This process will help high students to enhance understanding about the UN and gain specific skills. The IRDP faculty will modify the procedures as required. Computer work stations will be set up to facilitate students prepare draft resolutions.

- 5) 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. : Closing

The students will evaluate and reflect on the simulation. Closing remarks and exchange of gifts.