

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
FACET MINUTES & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Health and Human Services

MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES:

- * **January meeting-Snowed-out -- February 8, 2016 (8:30pm to 9:30pm) –**
Members in attendance: Marilyn Price, Minnette Francis-Haden, Mary Spells, Janis Carter Shaw, Jennifer Lewis, Dawna Michelle Fields, Joan Lewis Shepherd and Mary Graves

ACTIVITY/ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- **Heart/Link Health Awareness Month**

Reminder that the Big Apple cluster will be attending church services in support of Go Red Sunday at Antioch Baptist Church of Hempstead at 11am

Link Quay to follow up with Hospitality committee, Link Jennifer, to see if there is a possibility of serving a “red drink” as a celebration of National Wear Red Day at our Feb 27 Chapter Mtg.

We asked the Chapter in our January HHS Facet Newsletter and at the Chapter meeting to wear red for Feb 27 Chapter Mtg.

Link Mary Spells suggested that we raise the visibility of the HHS Facet Newsletter during chapter meetings rather than just distributing them on table.

- **Food Bank For Westchester**

Link Dawna shared that with the Food Bank merger, the opportunities for Saturday morning services are limited. Link Mary Spells reminded that 4 days a year is better than not have any at all in our efforts to reduce hunger. Link Joan suggested that we have a meeting with new leadership to provide them with an overview of what we do and to raise Westchester Links with in the Food Bank organization. Link Dawna will work with Link Joan to reach out to Food Bank for meeting dates.

Next day of service -Food Bank: Saturday, May 7 9am to 10:30am

- **Children's Oral Health**

MV Schools: Link Dawna reports that Mount Vernon School District wants to re-engage with the Links bringing the Colgate Dental Van back into the elementary schools. Link Dawna will be meeting shortly for next steps.

Port Chester: Colgate Dental van would like Westchester Links to support them at school van visits once schedules are confirmed. Colgate's Carla Johnson will contact HHS facet when dates become available.

Greenburgh: Link Mary Spells suggest that we return to the school as we were well received last year. Link Dawna agrees and will check with Colgate team to see when the visit is schedule again.

Metrics: There was a discussion on how we can show impact and need to assist the schools in promoting children's oral health and a day out of the classroom. Link Marilyn suggested the data makes it easier for teachers/administrators to support the activity.

- **New Opportunity**

Young Ladies Role Modeling Tea: Link Dawna shared via e-mail and at meeting opportunity to support Boys & Girls of New Rochelle's "Smart Girl" programming. Link Quay worked with Link Dawna on a brief that will be resent by email to HHS facet members. Discussion on this being an "activity" or a "program" and if so how does it/should it become an umbrella program. Link Janis suggested that we all review the brief and discuss at Feb 27 Facet meeting.

- **Next meeting**

February 27, 2016: 8:45am to 9:45 am @ Westchester Marriott Hotel.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

None

MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:

NONE

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