WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Membership**

**MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: May 12, 2017 – 7:00pm to 9:30pm** Meeting was held in person
Attendees: T. Joyner, D. Brathwaite, C. Edwards, D. Guishard, M. Graves, Y. Kelley and P. J. Moore; absent; F.D. Young, J. Lewis and S. Grannum

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:** National & Area Updates, 48 Hours, April-June Friendship Activities, Alumna Ceremony, and End of Year

1. Friendship Activities –
   June - Girlfriend's Night – June 9th location to be determined; will have a sign-up sheet
   Mentor/Mentee Check-up tentatively scheduled for June 11 at 2PM
   September - Clay Arts – awaiting dates from Link E. Cox;

2. 48 Hours – will continue to use Track It Forward for tracking of service hours for 2017-2018

3. Alumna Status – Link Joan Thompson's Alumna request was granted

4. Membership Matters –One in Five cycle ends in 2017 and new cycle starts 2018-2022; Pumps on the Hill was held in May; National Webinars for April and May have been sent to membership via email;

5. End of Year Activities discussed

6. LOA – letters were emailed to Links J. Lewis Shepherd, R. Sherwood, A. Moore and B. Jackson Butcher regarding their LOA status. Welcome back Link L. Bradshaw

Summary of Biennium for Membership Committee 2015-2017

***2015***

- Joined with the HHS Facet and the chapter to collaborate with the Greater Bronx (NY) Chapter, by attending its Linkages to Life- Donor Sabbath presentation at Antioch Baptist Church, Bedford, NY and presented a donation to the church. After church service we had a lunch together along with the church members
- November chapter meeting: Conducted the Friendship Ceremony and the Membership Committee distributed *"Build a Box of Friendship"* Poem to reinforce purpose of Friendship and how we are connected in Service

***2016***

- Chapter Retreat held which included Alumna Members and Platinum Member; retreat focused on the Mind, Body and Spirit; members presented with chapter t-shirts and Friendship Tokens
- Girlfriends Night Out with 10 chapter members present; participated in best girlfriend's gift and advice
- Had ice breakers during chapter meetings to encourage and foster friendships

***Friendship activities throughout the biennium: 2015- 2017***

- Attended a screening of the film on the life of Misty Copeland, the first African American Principal Dancer for the American Ballet Theater at Jacob Burns Theater

- A tour of an exhibit of KUBA: African textiles at the Neuberger museum was attended by several chapter members and their family members
- May 22, 2015 Chat and Chew at Red Plum, Book – **Echoes of A Distant Summer** by Guy Johnson
- September 2015 – Several chapter members attended the Amazing Grace show on Broadway.
- September 2015 – Initiated Icebreakers during chapter meetings to promote Friendship
- October 2015 – In conjunction with HHS for Breast Cancer Awareness chapter presented with Pink Boas and Chapter Photo taken
- Christmas Party in 2015 and 2016; chapter members participated in party games, icebreakers and Links Bingo to foster a spirit of Friendship; presented with gifts from the Membership Committee
- December 2015 & 2016 - Annual Day of Service at the Wartburg in December; residents given Christmas gifts and members joined in together for caroling
- December 2015 –Membership Chair made personal telephone calls to check in on all Alumna and LOA members during bad snow storm
- January 2016 - Clay Arts Party – 15 Links members participated in learning how to work with clay while enjoying each other's friendship
- February 2016 – Links members attended the Apple Cluster Go Red Sunday; Chapter Photo for Go Red and Heart Healthy
- March and April 2016 - Icebreaker Friendship Activities were held during Chapter meetings
- May 2016 - Held Alumna Ceremony – Roslyn Carnage
- May 2016 – Attended Dance Theater of Harlem with Links members and Connecting Links and Heir-O-Links
- June 2016 – Chapter Members hosted a table at the African American Day Heritage Festival; 10 members participated and pamphlets were given to the community and Voter Registration conducted
- June 2016 –Recognized Platinum Member – Carol Carter and 50-year member – Barbara Edwards
- June 2016 - Gave out "Connecting The Dots" Awards to Sister Links for the going above and beyond the call of Friendship
- June 2016 – Chapter gift presentation of Apron to promote Friendship and Links Branding during community service activities
- June/August/September 2016 – Arranged doll making sessions for Kechie's project which included Alumna members and the community(intergenerational)
- July 2016 – Hosted Membership dinner during National Assembly
- October 2016 - Presented chapter members with Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbons and gave messages of encouragement in conjunction with HHS Breast Cancer Awareness activity
- December 2016 - Big Apple Cluster Alvin Ailey Dance recital and Reception
- December 2016 - Links Christmas Gift Wrapping performed at the local Barnes & Nobles – 4 members and 3 Links family members participated
- December 2016 – Links Holiday Party held
- February 2017 – big Apple Cluster Go Red Sunday – attended by 4 chapter members
- February 2017 – Recognized members for efforts of utilizing Track It Forward
- April 2017 – chapter members attended Dance Theater of Harlem
- April 2017 – recognized 25 year members

- **2017 Proposed Friendship Activities:**

    - Clay Arts Night II – TBD for September
    - Paint & Sip
    - Girlfriends Night II – Tentative for June 9
    - Line Dancing
    - Mentors/Mentee Tea – Tentative for June 11
    - Continued Monthly Ice Breakers during chapter meetings

**ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

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**MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:** (Please fill out the Motion form and provide a copy to the Recording Secretary)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm; Next meeting will be held by the incoming VP

*Submitted by: T.Joyner Date: May 31, 2017*