



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

January 15, 2018

Happy New Year My beloved Sister Links

As we start a new year I am reminded of how far we have come and how blessed we are as women entering into 2018

Although, we have already mourned the loss of loved ones in our Links family, we know that while weeping may endure for a night, joy comes in the mourning. Let us hold fast to each other and be in continual prayer for one another. For we are our sisters keepers.

In our world we are hearing more and more about bullying and sexual harassment and indifferences to diversity. We as black women can no longer sit on the sidelines and watch, we must be Women of Excellence Continuing the Legacy of Friendship and Service and help to be positive game changers in our community. Let us together inspire and educate our youth and continue to make a difference in Westchester County.

We should think about our National Initiatives and about how we may best further implement them into our current program year; Anti bullying campaign, Mental Health Initiative to name a few. We along with our partners need to arm our youth with a strong positive foundation that will enable them to further develop a positive self-esteem, equip them with tools to make better choices when faced with "life changing" situations. We must continue to be change agents to our Westchester community educating families, women, children and men.

"I shall earnestly endeavor to uphold these standards and do my share toward serving my community and my chapter to the best of my ability"

National Update –We are reminded about our 2020 Vision Campaign – Let's Donate to a worthy cause and be a Pacesetter chapter recognized at our 41st National Assembly in Indianapolis. We are still looking for a chapter 2020 Ambassador, who will be responsible for assisting with encouraging chapter member participation. We need you to make your contributions by February 28 to be included in the 2020 Vision report.

March 8, 2018 – International Women's Day; Link Glenda Newell Harris will represent us at the UN.

April 6, 2018 – Induction of Honorable Kamala D. Harris, US Senator from California

June 27-June 30th 41st National Assembly in Indianapolis



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Eastern Area Update - Health Equity Ambassador (HEA) Training

*The Eastern Area of The Links Incorporated
Umbrella Program*

DATE: January 20, 2018

TIME: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

PLACE: 330 West 42nd Street (Between 8th and 9th Avenues)

Penthouse 33rd Floor

HOSTED BY: 1199 SEIU (Healthcare Workers' Union)

RSVP: Link Karma Warren, drkaywarren@gmail.com

American Cancer Society

We received correspondence regarding the partnership with NAACP. We have been encouraged to apply for individual memberships at a cost of \$30.00/yearly. Checks are to be made out to NAACP. It has been requested that each chapter have a NAACP Czar and that we work with our local NAACP chapter on Get OUT to VOTE and Legislative issues. We have also been encouraged to have 100% participation of chapter members.

NAACP Silver-Life Memberships (\$750.00) and Golden-Life Membership (\$1,500) can be paid in installments over a 10-year period. This information was provided by the NAACP Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning, Ms. Andrea Brown-Gee. She can be reached at her mobile #443-632-7977 or at the NAACP National Headquarters #410-580-5764, address is 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. You must have a Silver-Life Membership before you can pay installments on a Golden-Life Membership.

Eastern Area's Inaugural Health Equity Ambassadors (HEAs) Umbrella Missionary Trip, taking place on the beautiful island of Nassau, Bahamas. Beginning Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 4 PM, with program activities beginning at 6 PM at the stunning Atlantis Paradise Island Resort. Our mission ends at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 10, 2018; Cost is \$175 plus processing fee and your costs for hotel and airfare. Registration deadline is February 6, 2018.

#SistersThrive – launched by First Lady of New York City in her mission to address mental health within the African-American community was held on December 11th. Link Quay was able to attend and participate in the training.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE – Met this month to review budgets for 2018-2019 and discuss financial forms and procedures. Will provide Facets with spending to date in 2017-18 PY. Proposed budget will be presented to Executive Committee and Chapter this month.

Program Meeting - Was held on November 28, 2017 at the Greenburgh Library and on January 9th to discuss our 2016-2018 Program report submission.

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 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.

Several Sister Links are being honored in December and January- Dawna Michelle and Tahira - keep up the good work! Congratulations to you all. Thank you all who contributed to the Angel Tree project – we contributed \$365 to families in need.

Let us continue to keep our Link Family in our prayers and reach out to them letting them know we care. Link Priscilla and Link Marilyn had successful surgeries and they are recuperating well. Let's Keep Connected and be there for one another during this New Year.

Happy Birthday to Our Sisters Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and special occasions in January.

*Link Terry
Your Sister & Friend*

Priscilla 1/22

Yolanda 1/18

Delores 1/7

Ginger W. 1/27