

My beloved Sister Links welcome to our Fall Season – As we yet are blessed to see another Fall Season, let us count our blessings and be ever so grateful for each other. We must also continue to be mindful about the state of our cities, towns and county. Let's get out on November 6<sup>th</sup> and “ROCK THE VOTE”

### National Update –

The National Nominating Committee released an updated version of the Nominating Procedures Manual on last Thursday, October 11, 2018. Based on the comments and feedback received from the membership, the deadline to file your *Profile of Candidate for Nomination Form* has been extended to **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.**

Please note that all Profile of Candidate for Nomination forms must be submitted electronically with president approval and chapter endorsement, and candidate fee paid on or before, **11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2018.**

Sisterly, Link Raynetta C. Waters, Chair, National Nominating Committee

Eastern Area Update – Participated in EA President's call and received updates regarding programming and forwarded them to the Facet Chairs; received updated Membership information (Service Hours Toolkit, Platinum Member recommendation Form, Friendship Month Reminder), Financial information (i.e. Bonding, 990, Dues & Fee, Special Event Insurance) Programming information e.g. Linkages to Life, Donor Sabbath Weekend). Discussion was held regarding how contracts over \$5,000 are to be handled; Link Kim and the current National General Counsel, Link Pamela Meanes will appoint two new reviewers for the Eastern Area. The difference between Ethical issues vs membership issues was reviewed. Also received a review of the finances from National Treasurer, Ethelyn S. Bowers.

### **Some Important Dates Reminders:**

1/ 45th Eastern Area Conference, Atlantic City, NJ Wednesday, April 24, 2019- Sunday, April 28, 2019. **(IMPORTANT TASK: At your next Chapter meeting, inquire as to who will be going to Atlantic City.)**

2/ October 15, 2018 - Deadline to submit candidate for area office nomination profiles online by 11:59 PM ET. Changed to OCT 31st

3/ October 15, 2018 - Chapter sends chapter budget for chapter year to Area Director with a copy to Area Treasurer.

4/ November 2018 - National Friendship Month.

5/ Reinstatement letters may continue to be submitted to chapters until November 30.

6/ December 1, 2019 - Deadline to request membership transfers.

7/ February 1, 2018 - Deadline for submission of Friendship Month Activities.

8/ The Program Report Submission Deadline is February 1 and is (Per National – "NON-NEGOTIABLE").

9/ February 20, 2019 - Deadline for non-DOL and reinstatement candidate profiles to be submitted in the online candidate system.

10/ March 31, 2018 - Deadline for submission of Alumna request forms and letters.

11/ April 1, 2019 - Building assessment deadline for all 2016 inductees.

12/ April 1, 2019 - Deadline for all 2019-2020 membership dues to be processed, submitted and approved online.

13/ May 1, 2019 - Deadline for receipt of late dues, assessments, and fees for non-financial members processed online.

14/ May 1, 2019 - Membership transfer period begins.

Dear Link Sisters,

The London (UK) Chapter would like you to mark your calendars! We will be hosting an English summer event from Thursday 20th June 2019, starting with Ladies Day at [Ascot](#), followed by a range of activities to compliment the thoroughly exquisite English experience.

**To indicate your interest and help us plan using a more accurate estimate of anticipated number of attendees, please register interest [here](#) (<https://nll.app.rsvpify.com>)**

Tickets and event details to follow shortly.



As you can see our work in the Westchester Community has already begun.

*On September 16<sup>th</sup> Westchester County (NY), The Links supported the Walk to End Alzheimer's – thank you Links Hillary, Dozene, Ginger W. and Karen Y.*

*On September 22, Links Dawna and Yolanda & I attended the Long Island Chapter's Day at the Races to support their programming. We had a wonderful day betting on horses in friendship. Our 17<sup>th</sup> National President was in attendance. She was well received at a President's reception the night before.*

*We have had another successful book fair – The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Karolyn Thomas Book Fair was held from October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the Theodore D. Young Community Center. We provided books to 320 students and parent/guardians this year. That is up from last's numbers of 316 students served last year. Thank you to all of our Sister Links who made this possible. I would like to propose the renaming of our Karolyn Thomas Book Fair to the Karolyn Thomas-Florence Scott Book Fair.*

*Participated in Sister to Sister International's (our community partner), Black Women, Girl Child Forum on October 7th. We had an outstanding Sunday afternoon, hearing from our youth and participating in workshops geared towards Breast Health Awareness, Financial Literacy and Mind, Body and Spirit. While the youth learned about College 101, Branding and Natural Haircare.*

*On October 10<sup>th</sup> several sister Links (Links Tahira, Dianne, Jackie, Joyce K., Ginger W., Penelope, Yolanda, Karen H., MaryFrances) attended An Evening with Alice Walker, hosted by Link Traci Alexander. It was truly an evening of sisters, we all received an autographed book, received some pearls of wisdom from Alice Walker and was treated to the African Drums. We also came together to take several pics. I believed we all learned how to "Take the Arrow out of Our Heart".*

*The chapter was represented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the County Press on October 12th, honoring our own sister Link, Dawna Michelle Fields. It was good to see Links Bettye, Belinda, Kathie and Delores in attendance.*

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST – 2019- 2020 BUDGETS ARE DUE NOW**

October is Voter Education Month - #votingrights, @linksvote.

Let's continue Our Legislative Issues & Affairs initiated last year regarding our Voter Education Campaign - by using hashtag - @westchesterlinksvote

ROCK THE VOTE – NOVEMBER 6, 2018 - POLLS OPEN 6AM – 9PM

## African Americans in line to vote after passage of 1965 Voting Rights Act



### Up-Coming Events

October 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm to 5pm Human Rights – *ROCK YOUR WORLD* at Community Unitarian Congregation in White Plains

Chapter Meeting Notice – **October 27, 2018 at Cooper's Mill** – Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Friendship Breakfast 9:15am – Sponsored by HHS; Meeting 10am – Special Guest Maya Cole, National Poster Arts Contest Category 3 Winner

**Please RSVP to Links Jennifer –**[jdweis222@yahoo.com](mailto:jdweis222@yahoo.com) **and Link Donna –**[linkddg@gmail.com](mailto:linkddg@gmail.com) **by October 24, 2018**

\*Big Apple Cluster Founders Day Sugar Hill Children's Museum 6pm -9pm cost \$50

**All sister Links should have received an Eventbrite invite. Please register and make plans to attend**

**On November 9, 1946** The Links, Incorporated was founded on the tenants of friendship and service. What better way to honor our beloved founders Link Sarah Strickland Scott and Link Margaret Roselle Hawkins than to do service with friends!

As a part of Friendship Month, we wish to commemorate and honor our founders on **November 9, 2018**. Please join me in participating in our first Founders Day National Day of Friendship and Service! Put on your favorite Links shirt, and as a chapter, with your friends, or individually, engage in meaningful service in your community.

Please share your Founders Day National Day of Friendship and Service activities by posting on social media with the following hashtags:

#linkedinfriendship  
#72YearsOfLinks  
#FriendsServingSince1946

My sisters, our impact as an organization is needed now more than ever. Your participation in our Founders Day National Day of Friendship and Service allows us to show the world that we are over 15,000 strong Linked in Friendship and Connected in Service, united in our common goal of *Transforming Communities ~ Fulfilling Our Purpose*.

**Link Kim**

November 10th

In An Art State of Mind – Wartburg 9:30am to 11:30am  
STY – YA Black College Fair at Riverbank Park, Harlem all day  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, Scales of Justice Academy Scholarship Reception – 6pm to 8pm  
Fordham University, School of Law 150 West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC

December 1, 2018 REMINDER - Fabulation, or The Re-Education of Undine  
This is our Fall Fundraiser Let's make it a success! Chapter Assessment \$200.00

December 6<sup>th</sup> Metro-Manhattan Chapter, The Links – 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Holiday Gala 4pm – 8pm  
Tickets \$325 Cipriani 55 Wall street NYC Holiday Festive Attire Honorees Tarana Burke, Founder of #MeTooMovement and The Woods Family of Sylvia's in Harlem

December 16, 2018 Big Apple Cluster Alvin Ailey Event including reception Sunday Matinee at 3PM Big Apple Cluster Alvin Ailey Fellowship visit [bigapplecluster2017alvinailey.eventbrite.com](http://bigapplecluster2017alvinailey.eventbrite.com)  
\*For our Alvin Ailey event each chapter is able to purchase 2 youth tickets. These can be used for youth that your chapter works with or a youth participant and their parent/guardian. The tickets are \$32.

**OCTOBER is also BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - #HAVEYOUCHECKEDYOURBREASTS?**



NOVEMBER IS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

Big Apple Cluster Founders' Day will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 6pm-8:30PM. Cost is \$50. Special Guest will be our own Area Vice Director Shuana Tucker. We are in need of a few hostesses for the evening. An email was sent to you. Please register via Eventbrite. Link Carla Harris will be bringing the Linkspiration.

Have you been keeping up with Links communications from our National office?  
Make time in your schedules to attend the webinars (they also count towards your 48 Service hours) and help us to better understand Linkdom.  
These are the upcoming Programming Webinars – see National Website. Topics include: Service Delivery Model October 16, 2019 at 9PM

Several Sister Links are being honored in October and November- Barbara Edwards, Belinda Miles and Dawna Michelle Congratulations to you all.

Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to our members celebrating anniversaries & birthdays this month

*Link Terry*