



To: The Links, Incorporated- Tacoma (WA) Chapter
From: Scholarship Committee Report
Date: November 16, 2019

I. The Tacoma Links Scholarship Committee met by telephone on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, October 26, 2019 (following the meeting), and on November 13, 2019. Plans are well underway for a successful 2020 scholarship program year. The scholarship application is nearly complete; we have dates to visit two schools and we are finalizing our timeline for application review, interviews, and selection of recipients.

II. On November 6, 2019, the scholarship committee, met at the Graduate Tacoma building to prepare and serve a meal for Palmers Scholars during one of their evening training sessions. Our Palmer Scholar, Brooklyn Hose, also was present and was fully engaged in the activities. The students were a delight and extremely appreciative of the meal we served, in Links style. Link Mary Green was first on the scene and helped set up for the meal. Link Dorris and Platinum Link Constance Lassiter attended the event and interacted with the students. Madam President also was present and had a wonderful time interacting with many of the students. Link Dorothy did a fabulous job planning and executing this event. As a result of her efforts and special care, the scholars felt special that evening.

The evening was topped off by an impromptu presentation by Link Alicia about her journey to becoming a dentist. She did an outstanding job and was earnest in her message to students to follow *their* dreams and *not* the dreams of *others*. I would wager to say that most of them probably have never had this type of conversation with an adult, let alone a dentist. This might have opened the door for some Palmer Scholar to think about pursuing a career in dentistry.

The evening was well spent and we had a real sense of satisfaction and accomplishment, much like the feeling we have after selecting our scholarship winners. While a lot of coordination and work was involved, the committee would like to do this again—perhaps some time during spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

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