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President's Report – January 12, 2023
Tacoma (WA) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated

My dear Sisters,

Here we are again at the beginning of another year, and there's been a thought in my mind that may seem simple, yet encouraging; "New Year, new opportunities." I am asking my Sisters to lean in to support each other and uplift the lives of the children, women, and men of the greater Tacoma community.

Please make note of the following items.

Meeting Location.

Platinum Link Constance Lassiter revived our relationship with the University of Puget Sound (UPS) and beginning in January, we will meet in one of their conference rooms. Catering is provided – at a cost to the chapter.

In-Person Chapter Meeting - January 28, 2023
University of Puget Sound
Wheelock Student Center - The Murray Boardroom
1500 N. Warner Street, Tacoma
Morning Chat: 9:30 am | Business Meeting: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Foundational Matters.

- Chapter meetings blend friendship and business. Sisters may arrive before 10 am to enjoy refreshments and socialize. The business meeting will begin at 10 am and include a short 3-minute break.
- Core Values of the Links, Incorporated. Continue to become reacquainted with them: Friendship, Honesty/Truth, Service, Confidentiality, Legacy, Integrity, Respect, Courage, Family Relationships, and Responsibility & Accountability.

- Now is a great time to update your personal profile on the MMS (Members Management System). The chapter attained a 100% response rate in 2021. Let's do it again.
- The Ethics Acknowledgement Form is available online. Log into the MMS and look for the "Membership Requirements" tab. I completed the workshop on December 14, 2022.
- 1N5 Attendance: 2018-2023 Extended Period – Refer to the chart at the end of the report
- Protocol Pearls:
 - Theme: **Mission Possible – Forward Together.** Elevate our service through integration and collaboration within and between our chapters to achieve greater impact!
 - Attire for Chapter Meetings: Business casual.
 - Business-related and Program-related letters, flyers, and email messages must be shared with and approved by the Chapter President before they are distributed to the chapter by the Corresponding Secretary. Best practice: notices/flyers are sent to the President 14 days in advance.
 - Only the Chapter President or her designee is authorized to sign a contract on behalf of The Tacoma (WA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated. When a Link Sister signs a contract, she becomes liable for the agreement and all associated fees.
- Members can record hours at www.trackitforward.com The aim is 24 hours by January 15.
- Western Area Links 2022 Virtual Leadership Summit
 - Thanks to all that participated in the informative gathering. I saw you and it was "phenomenal."
- Western Area Candidates for office: The Western Area Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2023 slate of certified candidates as follows: Link Karen Cole – Area Director; Link Brenda P. Kennedy – Area Vice Director; Link Erica R. Daniel – Area Secretary; Link Elizabeth Sapp James – Area Secretary; Link Alane Lillie – Area Secretary; Link Felicia Garrett Herring – Area Treasurer; Link Beatrice Self – Area Nominating Committee; and Link Joan M. Sherwood – Area Nominating Committee

Membership 2023.

- What is a Link? She holds identifiable attributes and abilities to make civic, cultural, and educational contributions to the community.
- New Member Mentors: 2020, 2021, 2022 – Please reach out to your mentees.

Prayer Request

Alumna Link Stine Armstrong, Platinum Link Mary Green, Link Victoria Fletcher, Link Kay Wilson Kirby, Link Kasaundra Moody, Alumna Link Denise Robinson, Link Angela Walker, Link Iris Williams West.

Save the Date.

- Umbrella Event – Healthy Heart with Power of Two
 - Saturday, February 25, 2023, after the chapter meeting
- Chapter Planning Retreat & Social – June 17, 2023
- Scholarship Reception – April 16, 2023
- 46th Western Area Conference
 - Wednesday, May 31 – Sunday, June 4, 2023, Los Angeles, CA JW Marriott LA Live!

Together, we will succeed!

In friendship and service, *Link Mentha*



Attendance Periods Chart

for

National Assemblies and Area Conferences Attendance Requirement

IF YOU WERE INDUCTED IN:	YOUR INITIAL 5 YEAR PERIOD IS:	YOUR NEXT 5 YEAR PERIOD IS:	YOUR NEXT 5 YEAR PERIOD IS:
2018	NEW: 2018-2023**	2024-2028**	2029-2033**
2019	2019-2023	2024-2028	2029-2033
2020	2020-2023	2024-2028	2029-2033
2021	2021-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038
2022	2022-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038
2023	2023-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038
2024	2024-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038
2025	2025-2028	2029-2033	2034-2038
2026	2026-2033	2034-2038	2039-2043

This Attendance Periods Chart is the tool used to assist active members (*including members on leave of absence*) in determining when they are required to meet their one in five attendance requirement.

Source: WA Presidents Report, August 2022