



My dear Sisters,

The month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month to honor the accomplishments of Black Americans throughout U.S. history. Yet, unfortunately, our communities are experiencing another time of outrage and tragedy as we mourn the loss of more lives. Perhaps we can use our personal and collective power to educate our communities on how to survive racism, support ending anti-Blackness, and build practices and spaces of equity, inclusion, and social justice.

“This is our national truth: America would not be America without the wealth from Black labor, without Black striving, Black ingenuity, Black resistance.” – Nikole Hannah-Jones

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 Alicia Stephens, Link Angela Walker, Link Iris Williams West, Link Stephanie Croom Williams.

Black History Friendship Events.

Link La'Tonja and I had a great time at the Black History Month Tour at the Governor's Mansion. I learned about William Owen Bush, the first Black man elected to the Washington Senate (1889), the “Lash Law” of 1843, and enjoyed a moving musical tribute by Daisy Ashford.

Invite your Link Sisters on a date to:

Black film series @The Grand Cinema in Tacoma

A Proud Heritage - A genealogy workshop for people with African American ancestry will be held at the Tacoma Family History Center. tacomaaafhe.com

Portrait of Aretha: CeCe Teneal celebrates The Queen of Soul. Tacoma Arts Live <https://www.tacomaartslive.org/>



Northwest African American Museum (NAAM) in Seattle – it is open. <https://www.naamnw.org/>

Seattle History Worth Preserving: Buffalo Soldiers Exhibit

<https://www.seattlecenter.com/events/event-calendar/a-seattle-history-worth-preserving-buffalo-soldiers-exhibit-x33253>

Visit Seattle's African American Cultural Heritage Guide: Learn about the history of African American heritage in Washington. <https://visitseattle.org/things-to-do/arts-culture/cultural-heritage/african-american/>

Black History Month Programming on TV

<https://variety.com/2023/tv/news/black-history-month-2023-programming-1235512128/>

Committees.

I deeply appreciate you for your relentless efforts. Committee work sets the foundation for the business meeting and service projects. Our chapter cannot do its work without you.

Foundational Matters.

- Per National President Ethel Williams, these are our priorities for the year ahead.



Budget.

Facet and Committee Chairs are now expected to develop and submit a quarterly spending report to the Chapter Treasurer to shore up our financial controls and lessen the possibility of overspending.

Email.

I have also adopted a new email practice for business-related communications per the recommendation of the National Protocol Committee (June 2022). Chapter members will receive a business email as a bcc (blind carbon copy). Why? To lessen email threads that can occur when the "reply all" feature is used. Informational and informal communications will be addressed to all until we establish a distribution list. Included in this report are the email addresses of all members.

Save the Date.

- Umbrella Event – Saturday, February 25, 2023, First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, after the chapter meeting. Please wear Links clothing.
- Scholarship Reception – April 18, 2023, University of Washington Tacoma, Phillip Hall
- Chapter Planning Retreat – June 17, 2023
- 46th Western Area Conference – May 31 – Sunday, June 4, 2023, Los Angeles, CA JW Marriott LA Live!

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Chapter Goal: Linking the Community to a Brighter Future

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