

“Friendship and service are to The Links, Incorporated, what water and sunshine are to plants.”

- author unknown

Tacoma (WA) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated
President’s Report: February 2024

Dear Link Sisters –



You all know that I am always excited to discuss Black History. I was the child whose parents ensured I knew and understood the origin stories and had access to Ebony, Jet, The Crisis, and all four volumes of the Black History Encyclopedia. I love being Black! I always have. I always will.

February is nationally recognized as Black History Month to honor the accomplishments of Black Americans throughout U.S. history. Unfortunately, our communities continue to experience tragedy and trauma as we mourn the loss of more lives and fight against the movement to erase Black history, as depicted in the haunting artwork of Johnathon Harris (which hangs in our home).

But, the battle ain’t over. Black folk have shown time and time again that neither oppression nor racism can hold us down, and I am calling on my Link sister to use their personal and collective power to dismantle racism and enrich the souls of Black folks.

Black History Events

Invite a Link Sister, Connecting Link, and Heir-O-Links to events occurring across King, Pierce, Thurston, and Kitsap counties. Enjoy the Black film series @The Grand Cinema in Tacoma; events hosted by [Pierce County](#), and [Metro Parks](#) and exhibitions at the [Museum of Glass](#), [Tacoma Arts Live](#), and the [Washington History Museum](#). Discover Black Washingtonians who shaped our state at the [Governor’s Mansion](#).

Prayer Request

The family of 8th National President Dolly Desselle Adams, Platinum Link Anne Wade, Link Gina Hatcher, Link Denita Harden Patton, , Alumna Link Thelmajean Crovello, Alumna Link Denise Robinson, and Alumna Link Ella Williams.

Action

10-day Notice.

- Link Christina (corresponding secretary) will email items to you soon.

Chapter Attendance.

- Members are required to attend a minimum of six regular business meetings. Please notify the Recording Secretary if you cannot attend the Chapter Meeting.

Chapter Dues.

- Contact the Finance Team if you have not received an invoice for 2024-25 Membership Dues.

Grant Oversight and Review Committee

- The Chapter's Executive Council recommended adopting the practices of other chapters that have received external grants. Across the board, from our preliminary research, these funds are used for programs through the facets, with a small percentage allocated to the operations budget.
- I am seeking volunteers to join Link Alyce, Link Denita, and Link Maren to develop a process and a formal recommendation to the Chapter.

Membership 2024.

- Invitations were extended and accepted. Next, the committee will provide dates and details about in-person workshops, mentoring, chapter gifts, and the Induction date and location.

Nominations.

- The Nominating Committee will present the slate for chapter office and the nominating committee at the February meeting. Elections will be held during the March meeting.

Service Hours.

- How about a rousing round of applause for Sisters with more than 100 hours of service. Beginning in May, we will resume our friendly competition and present awards for Service Hours.
- Remember to record hours for your service each month at www.trackitforward.com. The aim is 38 hours by February 15 to meet the 48-hour required by April 1 – the due date to submit hours.
- If you need more hours, and many do, consider involvement with the membership activities.

Information

Ethics.

- Mission accomplished and congratulations from the Western Area leadership for attaining 100% compliance. Special thanks to Link Dorothy and Link Stephanie M. for the careful attention to all of the details.

Program Report.

- Cheers to Link Alyce and Link Tanya. Once again, the Tacoma Report was submitted ON TIME.

In The News.



- Here is a link to Dr. Smith Brice's speech, given on January 15, 2024: <https://fb.watch/pDSDNqf6XV/?mibextid=Nif5oz>,

Thank you for contributing your time and resources to the chapter and community.

In friendship, *Link Mentha*