

Program Chair Report for February Chapter Meeting

Tacoma Links Inc.

February 24, 2024

Greetings Sister Links! My apologies for being unable to join you this morning ... I am finishing up Black History Month with the Black Collective today. A few things for our radar though:

- Our annual **program report was submitted timely in February...** a big thanks to all the facet chairs and members for the data submissions. Additional thanks to Links Connie, Tanya and Mentha, as well as Link Lisa Shyne for their help and support. We did pretty good, and given some runway and preparation, next year and forward we'll be even better. **Congratulations!**
- As we reviewed all content submitted on behalf of all the facets, it was a wide spectrum. As "program coordinator," it's my role to present our chapter's work in its best light, and that we share information that is consistent with the area. My hope is to better prepare new facet chairs for this work, and to give you great tools to make your work easier to complete after each program activity. To that end, Madam President will allow us some time to share via presentation an overview about programming alignment and the service delivery model at future meeting and at an upcoming retreat. In addition, Link Tanya and I are developing a "plug and play" outline so that we can ensure outcomes not just for the area or HQ, but for our communities, our partners and our funders.
- This was shared with Madam President less than two weeks ago: an opportunity to collaborate with the Portland Chapter in a

virtual Black K.A.R.E. event on Thursday, March 21 from 6-7 pm. I have confirmed our interest in participating and we'll learn more of what it entails. The details as I know them include:

- An opportunity for us to come together in a virtual Black K.A.R.E. event.
 - We have partnered with the National Kidney Foundation on the event that will focus on Chronic Kidney Disease awareness and education. Special emphasis will be placed on in-home family support for loved ones living with the disease.
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 - **Black K.A.R.E Virtual Meeting with the Portland (OR) chapter and the National Kidney Foundation**
 - Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024
 - Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. PST
 - Venue: Virtual - Registration will be available to the PWN Cluster Members and Community Partners
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 - **Presenters:** Dr. Elizabeth Talley, a pediatric nephrologist at Stanford
 - Phil Wyche, a kidney transplant recipient and president of the Bay Area Association of Kidney Patients.
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- As you begin thinking about programming for next year, please be thinking of ways to incorporate art or art moments into your work. Link Tanya and I will share ideas on things you might consider.
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- Additionally, as the budget conversations around facet programming continue, the Grant Oversight Committee (GOC) will be ready to roll out the process for applying and accessing those funds. As the funding came from organizations that have asked us to focus on reaching the community through arts, Link Tanya and I will partner with the GOC to ensure that we are implementing programs as prescribed (being good stewards) and that our chapter sends a report twice per year to account for how we've used the funds.

- Today I believe at least 2 facets have upcoming activities prior to our next meeting. Please hear their reports today, and plan your attendance in support of their work.

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Link Alyce McNeil

Link Tanya Smith Brice

C: Link Mentha Hynes Wilson