

## Wichita Chapter of Links November Officer / Facet / Committee Reports

### President

- Area Director/Central Region November President's Call
  - o Happy Founder's Day & Friendship Month – please remember to reach out to your Sister Links. A call, card or invitation for a cup of coffee can change the day for a sister. November 9 – the first time in Link's history that we'll have an International day of Service and Friendship.
  - o Election Day – follow up with community partners with a Thank You; every vote counted and we made a difference.
  - o Holiday greetings – thanks to all that sent a holiday greeting.
  - o Cancelled OE Webinars are being rescheduled. Be on the lookout for the notification.
  - o November Membership Deadlines/Checkpoints
    - Transfers – Nov 30 (process – completed)
    - Reinstatement – Nov 30 (certified letter needed from the member)
    - Membership check points – missed meetings and 48 hours
  - o Secretary
    - MMS has been updated with the names of those that attended the 2018 National Assembly
    - Chapter secretary needs to run the chapter report from MMS and have members confirm the accuracy
    - Discrepancy form will be sent later for submission of any discrepancies
  - o Treasurer
    - Chapter budgets for fiscal year (2019-2020) should be presented to membership for approval.
  - o Foundation
    - National Day of Giving - #GIVINGTUESDAY
    - When: Tuesday, November 27; Where: Global Giving Movement; Purpose: End-of-year charitable giving (The Links Foundation, Incorporated)
  - o Nominating Committee
    - National Nominating Procedures Manual is available on line.
    - Central Area has at least one vacancy for the position of Treasurer.
      - Qualified members to serve the Central Area as elected officers must: 1. Have been a Link for at least five years, 2. Have attended at least two Area Conferences excluding the Area Conference of the election and one National Assembly within the preceding five years.
  - o Program Pearls Call – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month; 7:00pm CST (712.775.7035; Code 570841); Making an Impact with International Trends (featured chapters – Chicago, Twin Rivers and Windy City)
  - o Webinars
    - Program Reviewer Certification Training Webinars (Nov 7, 14, 28). No need to attend if you've received training in the last 2 years.
    - How to Submit Your Chapter Program Report (December 6)
  - o Parliamentarian
    - By law reminder
    - President's role in meetings...facilitator! Parliamentarian role in meetings...cannot render opinions and vote, unless it's by ballot.
    - Democratic decision making.
- Executive Board Service Project
  - o *Lattes, Links, Love* and the *Less* Fortunate – Saturday, December 1; 8:00 – 9:00am
    - *EBoard Links meet at the Starbucks on 21<sup>st</sup> Greenwich for a Latte, along with some Love and depart for the Target across the street and do a little holiday shopping for the Less fortunate. Less Fortunate family: The Gordon Family (Jarvis Gordon-father, died in a car accident). Ceandra Gordon (mother – 30 years old), Navaeh Gordon (11 year old girl), Ashlee Gordon (10 year old girl) and Myiah Gordon (5 year old girl). Cost per Link – whatever you want to give for the shopping.*

### Vice-President

- Reminder to review your personal profile on the Links National website and make any necessary changes. Go to "edit member profile".
- November Friendship "Movie and Dinner" activity has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts with selected movies. Stay tuned for updates!
- **December Friendship Activity – Dec. 14 – Movie and Dinner details TBD based on showtimes on that date.**
  - **Widows**
  - **Green Book**
  - **The Girl in the Spider's Web**
  - **The Hate U Give**
- Be on the lookout for your **LCB!** Now remind me, just what is a **LCB? Link Contact Buddy** - membership committee members have been assigned 4 or 5 sister Links this year, to basically love on them! Random phone calls, emails, cards, acts of kindness, drive-bys...anything to stay in contact and show their love!
- **Zero new candidates submitted – We will open nominations again for FY 2019-2020**
- **Reminder to turn in you service hour logs.**

### Corresponding Secretary Report

- Received Oct 24; picked up Nov 7 - Link Shari Solomon – thank you card
- Received Oct 24; picked up Nov 7 – returned mail;
- Received Oct 24; picked up Nov 7 – Link Donna Douglas – thank you card
- Received Oct 24; picked up Nov 7 – Land of OZ Meet 2019 Program Book Ad; deadline Jan 4, 2019; comments: Wichita Gymnastics meet \$50-\$350 (increments of \$50) – ACTION ITEM

### Recording Secretary

- Thank you to Link Donna Douglas for taking minutes and attendance at the October meeting - much appreciated! She will provide draft minutes and attendance for the chapter to review.
- Reminder - please work directly with Link Shawne for any arrangements needed with the Hereford House and/or Terradyne country club. This will ensure that facets are not overcharged, or Link Shawne account is not charged. The monthly cost for the chapter meeting is \$496.52. Payment is due directly to Hereford House at the conclusion of the meeting. Sister Links that were overcharged for the October meeting will receive a gift card. Please contact Link Shawne if you have any questions.
- Facilities and menu arrangements have been made for the 11/17 Beautillion orientation. The meeting will start at 1:00pm.

### Financials

- November Treasurer report – separate attachment

### Health & Human Services Facet

#### *Beautillion Responsibilities*

- Link Link Shawn will speak at the Beautillion Informational in relation to "How to pick your Belle"
- Link Rhea will touch base with any Scholars present to get their Belle info.
- David's Bridal will be our vendor for dresses and shoes
- Belles Informational meeting will be Nov. 28th 6:00pm @ Delta Dental
- Dress fitting by David's Bridal Dec 16th at the Brunch.

#### National Initiatives

- Nov is organ donor month, Link Rhea will be passing out literature.
- Central Region HHS Chairs will began meeting monthly starting Nov 19

FFO

- “Bosom Buddies” each Link will notify their fellow Link monthly to remind them and their family members to do their monthly self breast exam.
- “Homeless Families” HHS ( Link’s Joi, Junetta, Gwen and Rhea) and their immediate family members will be feeding the homeless families at Interfaith Ministries on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day @ 6:00pm. Wearing Link green T-Shirts
- Working with a Grant writer for an upcoming Health Fair.

*NOTE: Link Joi will NOT be present at the meeting as she’ll be taking her daughter on her FIRST college visit*

## **International Trends and Services Facet**

### **Service Projects**

**AFRICAN Market Place- POSTPONED-** Home of Link Fannette Thornhill-Scott

- ITS Committee members will help set up Marketplace, serve as hostesses, and display the Wichita Links contributions To Project Ghana (monetary and through in-kind donations).

**Student Refugee Resource Day- SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 (PROPOSED SERVICE PROJECT DATE)**

- Resource Day for migrant refugee students with give a-ways, donations of basic needs and community resource guides (UNITED WAY 2-11)

**Project Ghana Packing Party Donation drive- (January-June 2019)**

- Ask facets to donate towards hygiene kits to pack and send to village in Ghana. ITS will also secure local donations and ask other community organizations to partner.
  - ✓ ITS: Feminine Hygiene Items
  - ✓ NTS: Deodorant
  - ✓ ARTS: Shampoo & Conditioner/Haircare
  - ✓ STY: SOAP
  - ✓ HHS: Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss

**BACK TO SCHOOL ENROLLMENT- TBA-AUGUST 2019**

- SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS: MENU OF SIZES & ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM ATTIRE FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS IN NEED.

### **Beautillion Responsibilities**

**Beautillion Photography:** Coordinate headshots (including securing attire- tux, drapes, pearls) for all Beautillion Participants and at Beautillion events. **PHOTOGRAPHY- BEGINS JANUARY AT BEAUTILLION PRACTICE**

**AAMEI Y&R Scholars MODEL UN (United Nations) Workshop-DATE, TBD**

- Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an educational simulation and/or academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations.

**Rites of Passage Ceremony-** Date, TBA

### **FFO (FACET FACE OFF)**

**Little Dresses for Africa Sewing Party**

- Met on Saturday, October 27 at 2:30-5:30pm at the home of Link Tracy Williams. ITS Committee Members asked Link Sisters to donate pillowcases, and ITS Links transformed pillowcases and made little dresses to donate to Africa. **LINK VENER MADE 4 DRESSES.**
- October Donation Drive: Hygiene Kits & Pillowcases: Collected 25 pillowcases and hundreds of hygiene items.

**Hygiene Kit Collection: Links Care Packages-Donations benefit USD 259 Refugee Closet (11/30/18)**

- Saturday, November 17 (November Chapter Meeting) - Committee will meet on **Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @4-6pm, at IMPRESSIVE SMILES DENTAL OFFICE for a “PACKING MEETING”.** ITS members will collect all donated hygiene kits from Link Sisters and make 50 care packages to include hats, gloves, and socks. **Fifty (50) “Links Care Packages” will be delivered and donated to migrant refugee students and newcomers in need. ITS LINKS will purchase hats,**

gloves, socks—and Link Jennifer will get handmade crochet winter hats to donate as well. Link Delia (STY) DONATED 15 COATS! ITS Committee members are encouraged to donate new/gently used coats (sizes birth-21 years old). Committee Members will deliver donations to REFUGEE FAMILY CLOSET on NOV. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3-4pm at DUNBAR LEARNING CENTER.

- The Refugee Family Closet is open to all refugee students & families in need. They accept all types of clothing donations sizes birth-21 years old. They also accept shoes, blankets, other basic needs.
- November Chapter Meeting Donation Drive: Hygiene Kits Collection Boxes

**ITS FFO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS CHART**

ITS FFO (FACET FACE OFF) Challenge for Random Acts of Kindness Tracking grid



**INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES FACET**  
FFO CHALLENGE "RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS"

Text a Morning greeting/prayer to a Link Sister.	Send a Linkspiration on Social Media.	Make a Pillowcase Dress.	Attend another Facet service project.	Pick up a Sister Link for a meeting.
Send a "Thinking About You" Card to a Link Sister.	Collect hotel hygiene items while traveling.	Offer to pick up/drop off a Sister Link.	Take a walk with a Sister Link.	Send a Birthday Card to a Sister Link.
Volunteer to read to a class at HSCA or other school.	Donate a school uniform for refugee student.	Collect hygiene items for hygiene kits.	Purchase a coffee/tea for a Sister Link.	Send a Birthday Card to a Sister Link.
Purchase a coffee/tea for a Sister Link.	Donate hygiene kit for ITS project.	Reach out and give back-Be Kind!	Volunteer at local shelter or food pantry.	Make a Pillowcase Dress.
Send a Birthday Card to a Sister Link.	Take a walk with a Sister Link.	Donate to a HBCU or Hurricane Relief Fund.	Collect hotel hygiene items while traveling.	Volunteer to read to a class at HSCA or other school.
Donate shoes for Soles 4 Souls.	Attend another Facet service project.	Recruit a youth for AAMEI Program.	Donate a school uniform for refugee student.	Send a "Thinking About You" Card to a Link Sister.

**ITS November Hostess: Friendship Activity "Links Thankful Wall" #linksthankful**

- **Love on Your Link Sister: Cultivating Friendship Activity**
  - "Why I'm thankful for my Link Sister...." & "I'm thankful for my Link Sister because..."

**National Trends and Services**

**Facet Beautillion Responsibilities**

Mentors:

- Mentor Mixer – January 24, 2019. Northrock Bowling Lanes has been secured from 6-9pm. Accent Bridal will conduct measurements for Fathers and Mentors.
- Service Project – December 9, 2019 at Plaza North Senior Residences from 1-3pm. Beaux will put together gifts for residents and deliver.
- Logistics – security officers have been secured for ad/final ad turn in.
- Previous collaboration with Omega Psi Phi has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with Beaux calendar on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Next year will seek collaboration earlier so schedules won't collide with one another.

**National Initiatives**

- Trash Talking Bullying – Implement a presentation at the Leadership U event in February. Joseph Shepard is being asked to present on Cyberbullying or Bullying in general.
- AARP – Women in the aging process

The Facet will collect literature from Link Rhea Rogers regarding the aging women issues, and hand out at the January chapter meeting.

- Wallet Wise Program – tabled until next meeting.

#### **FFO**

- Facet to address Human Trafficking issues, which is actually a national initiative too. The members will put together “**YOU MATTER**” bags for 10 young ladies. The bag contents will include a Journal, pen, cross word/search puzzle, safe place information card, candy, and a \$10 gift card from McDonald’s. Link Atha will sew the bags and put the words “**YOU MATTER**” on the outside. Facet will deliver and make presentation to Director after November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Services to Youth**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual African American High School Leadership Conference – Sat. Feb. 2, 2019**

- Timeline for the event is in progress
- Keynote speaker – TBD
- Continued identification of panelists and workshop presenters is in progress
- Grants are being completed for Corporate Sponsorships

#### **Chartering of a Wichita Links STEM Scholar NSBE Jr. Chapter (National Society of Black Engineers).**

- Wichita Links STEM Scholars NSBE Jr. will target fourth and fifth grade students at Buckner Performing Arts & Science Magnet Elementary School. - November 15, 2018 is the deadline for application and registration fees, chapter requirements and program pre-test. The chartering of the chapter is nearly complete. The Mission: To increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.
    - Register students and pay \$5 per person registration fee (5 people minimum)
    - Elect NSBE Jr. chapter officers
    - STY is requesting \$370 from local projects for the Wichita Links STEM Scholar NSBE Jr. Chapter. The \$370 includes the request for \$70 that is payable to NSBE by November 15<sup>th</sup> (\$5 per student and sponsor membership fee to submit to NSBE Jr., and fees to be utilized for the program. We will have a total of no more than 10 students, and 4 adult advisors. (Of the four advisors, two will be Link STY contact advisors.)
- \*\*NSBE offers a \$300 matching grant if our chapter provides \$300 from our own funds for our NSBE Jr. Chapter.**

#### **Bossgirls 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Empowerment Group at Buckner Performing Arts & Elementary**

- STY has agreed to support the Bossgirls Empowerment group through enrichment activities designed to promote and provide girls with self-esteem, self-love, leadership and healthy decisions.
- Meetings are held twice monthly at Buckner during the lunch/recess period.

**Links partnership with Wichita Public Schools - Early College Academy and BAASE (Better Academics and Social Excellence)** is a distinguished club for male middle school students and The Greater Wichita Junior Football League Summer Program.

- The next STY Facet Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Conference Call access: Dial: (605) 472-5400 Access code: 355800

### **Beautillion XLIV 2019 Sankofa: Reclaiming our Culture**

#### **Facet Beautillion Responsibilities**

- Point of contact for Beaux is Arts Link Sharon
- Point of Contact for Y&R is STY Link Carla with the assistance of Links Delia, Cassie, and Joymesia
- Point of contact for Belles is HHS Link Joi

- Point of contact for Mentors NTS Link Teketa
- Point of contact for Photos ITS Link Joy

**The Informational Meeting** held on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6pm-7pm at Holy Savior Catholic Academy 4640 E 15<sup>th</sup> St North - was a success yielding 13 potential Beaux –Orientation Invite letters were sent to attendees

**Upcoming Dates**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17	A.A.M.E.I. SCHOLARS ORIENTATION - 1:00-3:00 p.m. All prospective Beaux, Parents, and Special Mentors invited to attend. Terradyne Country Club, immediately follow Chapter Meeting and Picture
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18	Belle Orientation and Fitting TBD
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23	AAMEI/Beautilion fundraiser- The Emerald City Review 7:00pm, The Crown Uptown Theater, 3207 E Douglas)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1	KSU COLLEGE TOUR – Departs 7:45 a.m. from Wichita State University (parking lot behind the baseball field). Return to the same lot at approximately <b>1:00 a.m.</b> Sunday, December 2, 2018. Parent/Guardian drop off and pick up required. Permission slip required. All 9 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade A.A.M.E.I. participants in attendance
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	50th Anniversary gala-A Golden Legacy Luncheon- Hyatt Regency - 3pm Beaux serve as Hosts
SUNDAY DECEMBER 9	Community Service Project - Plaza North Senior Residences 2113 N Madison 1 pm
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10	A.A.M.E.I INFORMATIONAL MEETING 6pm-7pm Youth and Rising Scholars Holy Savior Catholic Academy (HSCA) Library, 4640 E. 15th St. North, 67208
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16	ALL A.A.M.E.I. SCHOLARS PARTICIPATION CUT-OFF DATE – All paperwork must be accurate, complete, and submitted for program participation.  A.A.M.E.I. FAMILY WORSHIP – 10:30 a.m. Beaux, Parents & Belles, Special Mentors Family Worship Service; Service will be held at Holy Savior Catholic Church at St Peter Claver 1209 N Indiana  FAMILY BRUNCH & LEARN (WORKSHOP I)– 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Beaux, Belles, Parents & Special Mentors St Peter Claver Hall 1209 N Indiana

**Dream Team II Meetings** (7-7:50 pm via teleconference -Conference Call # 641-715-0634 Access code 526263)

- November 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to Thanksgiving holiday) Note: Time change for this meeting will be after e-board 8:00 to 8:50
- December – no meeting
- January 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- February 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
- March 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
- April 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- May/June (TBD)
- special meetings called in person as needed. 1<sup>st</sup> call meeting 10/16/2018-2<sup>nd</sup> call meeting will be early January 2019

**Organizational Effectiveness**

- review questionnaire results from October meeting and determine next steps
- wrap up October building friendships topic
- preparation for November chapter meeting; define topic

**Technology**

**TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITY:**

Increase sharing of information with the use of technology including proper alignment of branding and communication strategies.

✓ **Goal 1: WEBSITE:** [www.wichitalinks.org](http://www.wichitalinks.org) - November Monthly Update: National Friendship Month on Home page, National Diabetes Awareness Month and National Alzheimer's Awareness on HHS page.

**Goal 2: BEAUTILLION COMMUNICATION**

Set up the Beautillion Handbook and waiting for finalization. GroupMe for the Beaux, Belles, Special Mentors and YRS will be set up after receiving the Beautillion Family information.

Target Date: after Orientation Tea and in time to send reminders for the KSU Trip.

**Goal 3: GROUPME FOR THE CHAPTER**

Educate members on the "rules of the road" for GroupMe and possibly work with Facets to be able to use GroupMe.