

Monday Minutes w/Link Terri
January 2019

From: Rice, Terri (CCI-Central Region)

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 8:58 AM

Subject: Monday's Minutes w/Link Terri

Greetings Sister Links –

As you turn the page for another new chapter in your life, a promising new year awaits! Another 365 days of hidden opportunities. This is a time to embrace the gift of life and to show gratitude towards your dear ones – your friends, family, colleagues, neighbors, relatives and *Sister Links*. To make new year resolutions and check the boxes as you embark on the new year's journey. I find myself being so full of hope and anticipation in strengthening our sisterly friendship bonds, serving and giving back to our community. So...**Knock Knock! Who's There?** I am the New Year and I am here with all the love, happiness, blessings and good fortune for you, my Sister. Let me in with open arms. 😊

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Moment of Prayer

- *May the Lord make our New Year a happy one. Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes. Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships. Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows. Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where our Sister Links, community and His cause need us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help. God, please make our year a happy one. Amen*

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- For all of our lovely Alumna members who have the burning desire to return to active status (within 5 years), *December 31* is the deadline. **ACTION ITEM**
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Facet Updates

- *Big thank you and sincere gratitude to HHS Facet members - Link Joi (Facet Chair) and Link Janice (Alumna Advisor) AND Heir-o-Links Kynneddy and Jace for sharing your Christmas holiday/time doing community service. You make us proud!*



Beautillion Scholars, Real Men Real Heroes and Oklahoma City Thunder Basketball!

- In collaboration with Real Men Real Heroes, our Beautillion Scholars were able to attend the December 23, Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game in OKC, tour behind the scenes and get a feel for professional sports corporate life. Sister Links, if you get a chance to thank Kyle Ellison, Executive Director of Real Men Real Heroes, please do so. This young man is doing great things for the community and has been a great collaborative partner with us. AND, thank you Beautillion Chair, Link Delia for investing your time over the holiday break and serving as chaperone!



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What's Coming Up

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Being Mindful

- **Believe.** What people think about you is not important. What is important is what you think and tell yourself. Self-confidence can be learned, practiced and mastered – just like any other skill. Once you master it, everything in your life will change for the better. Be Your Own Best Friend. Sister Links, be mindful – believe in Yourself. **Happy New Year!**

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Moment of Prayer

- *Lord, you hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep and carry our Links extended family member, Charles Coleman and all Sister Links and family members, in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your great wings of love, give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity and be comforted by the promise of heaven. We ask all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen*

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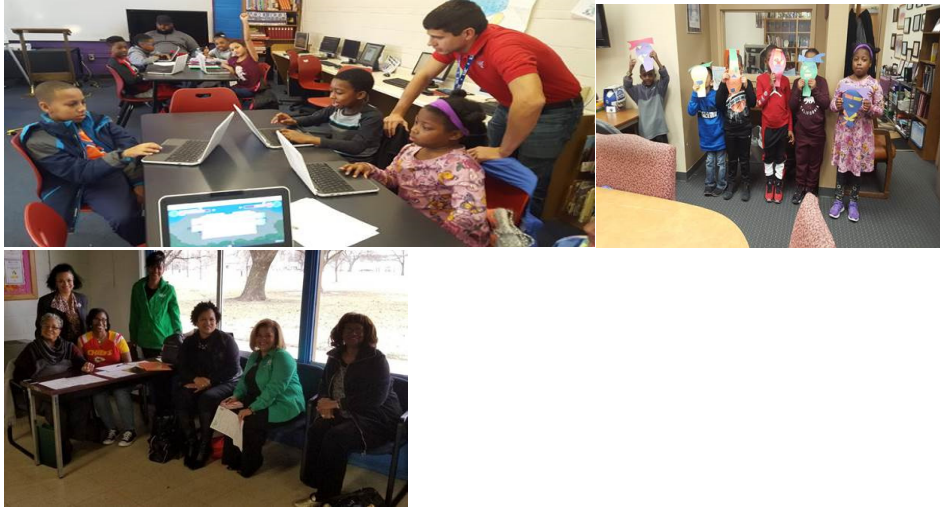
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2019 Beautillion XLIV AAMEI Youth and Rising and Beautillion Scholars are off and running...

- **Day 1** Youth and Rising Scholars...14 present. **Day 1** Beautillion Scholars practice...16 of 16 Beaux present, photography and a bunch of Sister Links on hand to serve! And this is just a handful of us. **#WichitaChapterLinksROCK**



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Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, National President Update

- "Objectives are clear, initiatives on point and monitoring is underway. 'Tis the season for action. And that's what **Link to Link** is all about. Each issue will highlight a particular trend or initiative emerging within our beloved organization to give you fresh insight into what we are accomplishing nationwide – and how." The new issue is ready...go online and check it out!

Central Area Updates

- Certified candidates for Central Area Offices, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Foundation Representative, Nominating Committee and Certified Slate of qualified candidates for election:
 - *Area Director:* Monica Boone Allen, Windy City (IL)
 - *Area Vice Director:* Tara Ravnell Bradley, Oklahoma City (OK) **and** Sheila R. Brown, Lake Shore (IL)
 - *Area Secretary:* Lauren Hicks Barton, MD, Oakland County, (MI) **and** Andreanna J. Dodds, Harbor Lites (IL)
 - *Area Treasurer:* OPEN
 - *Area Foundation Representative:* Chalon Edwards Anderson, OKC
 - *Area Nominating Committee:* Cynthia Bryant-Welch, Memphis (TN), Gale Jones Carson, River City (TN) Chapter, Joel-lyn A. McCormick, Tulsa (OK), Chyrel B. Moore, Hoffman Estates (IL) and Pamela M. Richmond, Milwaukee, (IL)

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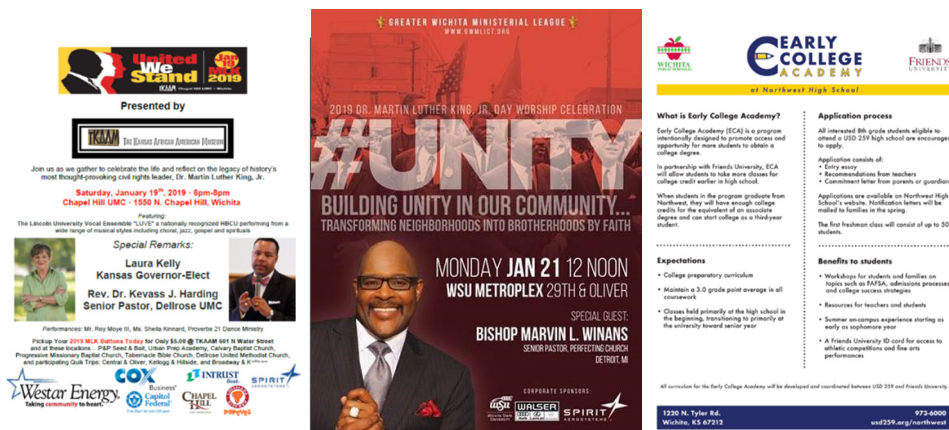
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If you have any information you’d like me to share, please send it my way. Until next week...

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From: Rice, Terri (CCI-Central Region)
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 1:24 PM
Subject: Monday's Minutes w/Link Terri

Greetings Sister Links –

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There's A Birthday In The Air!

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Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:11 AM
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- **March 16:** *Fun Day with the Links* (Saturday, time and location TBD) – details being worked on; will update as final plans are available.
- **March 20:** *Dream Team II Planning Meeting* (Wednesday, 7:00 – 7:50pm; teleconference # 641-715-0634 Access code 526263). Facet chairs and committee members welcome to dial-in. Note: all planning meetings will be via teleconference, unless otherwise noted as in-person at Holy Savior Catholic Academy as needed.
- **March 23:** *Beautillion 44 “Sankofa: Reclaiming Our Culture”* (Saturday, Century II Convention Center) – colors black, red and green; theme song “stand by me”; play “back to the future; Link Attire black w/red. Additional information on fundraising, recruitment and upcoming events to come! Thank you Links Delia (Beautillion Chair) and Cassie and Joymesia (Beautillion Co-Chairs) for agreeing to serve!
- **April 24, 2019:** *Dream Team II Planning Meeting* (Wednesday, 7:00 – 7:50pm; teleconference # 641-715-0634 Access code 526263). Facet chairs and committee members welcome to dial-in. Note: all planning meetings will be via teleconference, unless otherwise noted as in-person at Holy Savior Catholic Academy as needed.
- **July 31 – August 4, 2019:** *The Links, Inc. Central Area Conference* (Nashville) – SAVE THE DATE; more info to come as it becomes available.

Spread the Word!

- **REMINDER...**Renovation is complete and the best Philly Cheese Steaks in the area are baaaaack! Spread the word the T.O.P.S. has completed their renovation and is open! Let's support our Sister Link Rhea Rogers Knowles and Connecting Link Bernard Knowles!

There's A Birthday In The Air!

- **January 28 (Monday -- TODAY)...****Link Angela Scott!** Happy Birthday Link Angela!! Sending you wishes for a wonderful day!



Upcoming February Birthdays

- Link Tiffinie Irving (3), Link Sharon Cranford (8), Link Terri Rice (11), Link Pat DeHart (20) and Link Rhea Rogers-Knowles (21).

Monday Motivation

- *"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily."* Zig Ziglar

If you have any information you'd like me to share, please send it my way. Until next week...

Signing off –

Monday's Minutes w/Link Terri