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THE EMERALD QUARTERLY

The Augusta (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Newsletter

A Message from our President

I am honored to serve as President of The Links, Incorporated, Augusta (GA) Chapter. This chapter is Blessed with many diverse women of influence from the Augusta Area who are committed to serving this community as well as the National and International community. We have worked with the girls at Lamar-Milledge Elementary School for the past six years, Initiated a Girls who Code program, provided custom made flip flop shoes to children in Africa and educated the community about the important issues of sex trafficking. Our chapter is moving and we are ready to work hard in the Augusta community to make it one of the best cities in Georgia! The heart of our chapter is Service and Friendship. My Motto for this administration is "Linked in Love" because Love is the ingredient that will keep us grounded while we are doing the work of The Links, Incorporated. May God Bless you and keep you "Linked in Love".

Yolanda F. Copeland, President
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FACETS ON THE MOVE

Program Updates & The Latest Facet News

INTERNATIONAL TRENDS & SERVICES FACET GOALS:

- Provide UN Tours for High School Students
- Financially Support the Safe House Initiative in Nassau, Bahamas

ARTS FACET GOALS:

- Print Commissioning
- Journey through the Art of Quilting
- Supporting Students to Study Abroad

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FACET GOALS:

- Supporting Mobile Mammograms in the Local Community

SERVICES TO YOUTH FACET GOALS:

- Project Impact for High School Girls
- Links NSBE Jr. Chapter
- Girls Who Code Initiative

NATIONAL TRENDS & SERVICES FACET GOALS:

- Healthy Homestead Implementation
- Estate Planning
- 2020 Census and the Importance of Being Counted

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Emerald Alert: Empowering Single Mothers

Emerald Alert is the signature program of The Augusta (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. It is designed to capture and develop a program of action in areas that impact the community and the nation. The first phase of the Emerald Alert project is to provide assistance to single mothers, thus giving it the name Emerald Alert: Empowering Single Mothers. This phase of Emerald Alert: Empowering Single Mothers is set to embrace at least a three-year span and will provide training to single mothers.

Key Training Areas:

EDUCATION

HEALTH AWARNESS

PERSONAL & CAREER DEVELOPEMNT

TECHNOLOGY

PARENTING

NETWORKING

IN THE KNOW

2019 - 2020
Important Dates to Remember

9/1 - 9/30
HBCU AWARENESS MONTH

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) continue to play a vital role in educating our best and brightest. Show your support via social media and in Chapter Meetings.

9/1 - 9/30
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

It is imperative that our members are knowledgeable about suicide and able to identify the risk factors, specifically for women of African ancestry.

9/19 | 6:00PM
CHAPTER MEETING

Join us at our next Chapter Meeting at 6PM on the campus of Paine College, in the Candler Memorial Library. Don't forget to wear your favorite HBCU t-shirt.

9/19 | 9:00PM
SUICIDE PREVENTION

Hosted by: Diane Harris-Wilson, Chair, Mental Health Initiative

9/23 | 8:30PM
LINKS-STEMREADY PROGRAM

Hosted by: Leslye Fraser, Chair, National STEM Initiative

9/24
NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

National Voter Registration Day is a day of action and impact where volunteers across the country coordinate efforts to reach unregistered potential voters.

9/28 | 8:00AM
24TH ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

Walk for healthy living with the Health and Human Services Facet at the 24th Annual Walk-A-Thon. Step out in style with our official Healthy Living T-Shirt and the **#LinksOnTheMove.** See you at the Augusta Canal!

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10/12 | 7:00PM

BLUEJEANS, BOOTS & BBQ CASINO FUNDRAISER

Play for a cause at BlueJeans, Boots & BBQ at 7:00PM in Grovetown, GA at the Columbia County Exhibition Center. Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun! Donations are tax deductible.

10/12 - 12/7

EMERALD ALERT: EMPOWERING SINGLE MOTHERS WORKSHOP SERIES

- 10/12 - Single Mothers & Facet Chairs
- 11/9 - Self-Focus & Goal Setting
- 12/7 - Empowerment Gathering

11/2 | 1:30PM

NC A&T VS. SC STATE FOOTBALL GAME

The Aggies and Bulldogs are going head to head at SC State in Orangeburg, SC. Will the 2018 MEAC Champions win the game, or will the Bulldogs reign supreme on their home field?

12/20

AUGUSTA (GA) CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration at the DoubleTree Hotel. Connecting Links or one guest are invited to attend our holiday semi-formal affair.

3/14

AIKEN STEEPLECHASE DERBY DAY

The Aiken Chapter of The Links, Incorporated cordially invites you to the Aiken Steeplechase Derby Day in March 2020. More details coming soon.

4/18 | 12:00PM

LINKS HAT LUNCHEON

Save the date for our Annual Links Hat Luncheon that will be held in April 2020. More details coming soon.

PHOTO FINISH

The Augusta (GA) Chapter in Action