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THE EMERALD QUARTERLY

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

Corona Who?...Safety First!

The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is a new strain of a virus that has been associated with the common cold, respiratory, and gastrointestinal illnesses. But how can you and your family stay safe during this global health emergency? Below are some key tips for preventing the spread of COVID-19:



1. **Social Distancing** - Limit participation in mass scale events and meetings.
2. **Self-Quarantine** - Stay at home and away from others when sick.
3. **Hand Hygiene** - Wash your hands vigorously for **20 seconds** during the day, after bathroom visits, after coughing, sneezing, touching body surfaces, and touching others.
4. **Clean & Disinfect Frequently** - Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, faucets, toilets, sinks) using household cleaners and disinfectants.

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus.

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Platinum Member Spotlight



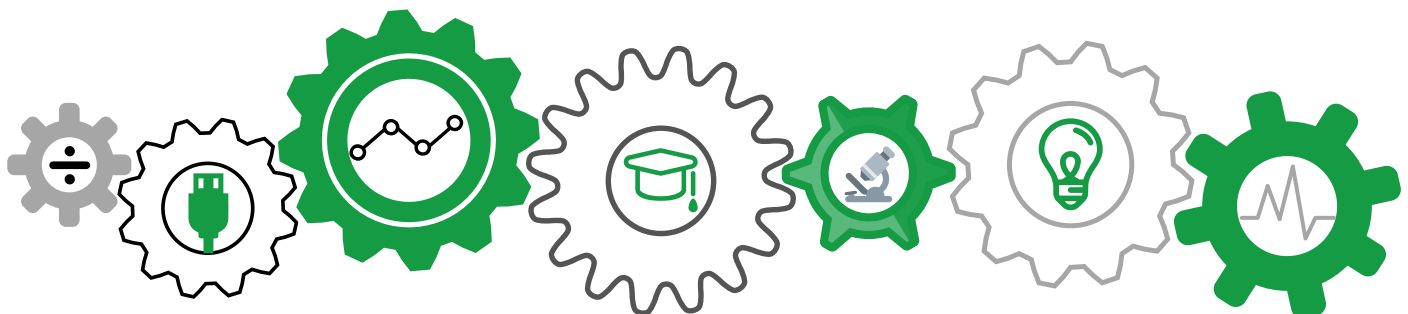
Jean W. Blount was inducted into the Augusta Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1975 when she became committed to friendship and service. Over the years, she served her chapter as Vice President, Treasurer, and Chapter Coordinator of the initiative, “Linkages to Life Organ, Tissue and Bone Marrow

Donation Awareness Program.” Before it was mandated to attend National and Area meetings, she attended numerous conventions, and served as co-chair of the chapter Fundraising Committee Project “The Links Mink” which became the Chapter signature fundraiser for several years. Currently, she serves on the committee for the chapter community project Emerald Alert: Empowering Single Mothers. As an alumnae member, Link Jean was appointed Alumni Liaison where she coordinated information and activities with the alumni members. Link Jean’s educational background includes a B.A. Degree in Political Science from Howard University and M.A. in Communications from American University, both in Washington, DC. While at Howard, she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Chapter. In 1970, she became the Director of Public Relations at Paine College, in Augusta, GA before she became Business Manager for her husband’s dental practice. Link Jean is married to Latimer Blount D.D.S. and is the mother of two adult children Latimer Blount Jr., an Aiken County, SC educator, and Ladonna Blount, an accountant for a major pharmaceutical company in NJ.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Services to Youth Facet: Augusta Professionals NSBE Chapter 25th Annual Tech Forum & STEMology

The Augusta Professionals National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Chapter hosted the *25th Annual Tech Forum & STEMology* on March 7, 2020 at Augusta Technical College. NSBE Jr. members and local students were divided into four groups, and rotated through five interactive STEM workshops. The Augusta (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated showed students how to code without computers, provided parents with a STEM-focused survival guide, and shared our career journeys during an informative panel discussion.



ANOTHER YEAR YOUNG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINK SISTERS!



3/2 Link Patricia Crawford

3/4 Link Natalie Ferguson &
Link Tracie Gallop

3/8 Link M. Nannette Barnes

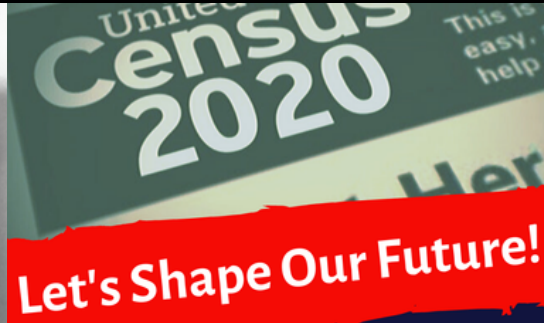
3/13 Link Dorothy Gandy

3/18 Link Robetta McKenzie
& Link Florida Reed

3/28 Link Donna Adams-
Pickett

IN THE KNOW

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*2020 - 2021
Important Dates
to Remember*



3/1 - 3/31

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate the contributions that women have made to our society during the month of March. Be a Linkspiration to the next generation of women.

4/1

CENSUS DAY

What do you want to shape? April 1st is National Census Day! The Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. Please make sure that everyone gets counted, and remember, your response matters.

4/2 | 6:00 PM

ELEVATE YOUR CAREER WITH THE MAGNET PROGRAM & THE LINKS

Learn more about the insurance and wealth management industry through the Magnet Program webinar, sponsored by M Financial Group and The Links, Incorporated.

Plan Your Future....

HBCU COLLEGE TOUR

April 6th—8th

A great chance to speak to representatives and learn more about great Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



4/6 - 4/8

HBCU COLLEGE TOUR

The Augusta (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will be sponsoring an HBCU College Tour for high school students. Reserve your spot today!

4/25 | 11:00 AM

EMERALD ALERT: EMPOWERING SINGLE MOTHERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Our informative Emerald Alert Workshops are currently underway. We can't wait to see you at the next session on 4/25 at 11:00AM.

6/17 - 6/21

42ND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Join The Links, Incorporated at the 42nd National Assembly in New Orleans, LA. Registration will be opening soon. Stay tuned for more details.

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The Augusta (GA) Chapter in Action

The Heart Truth



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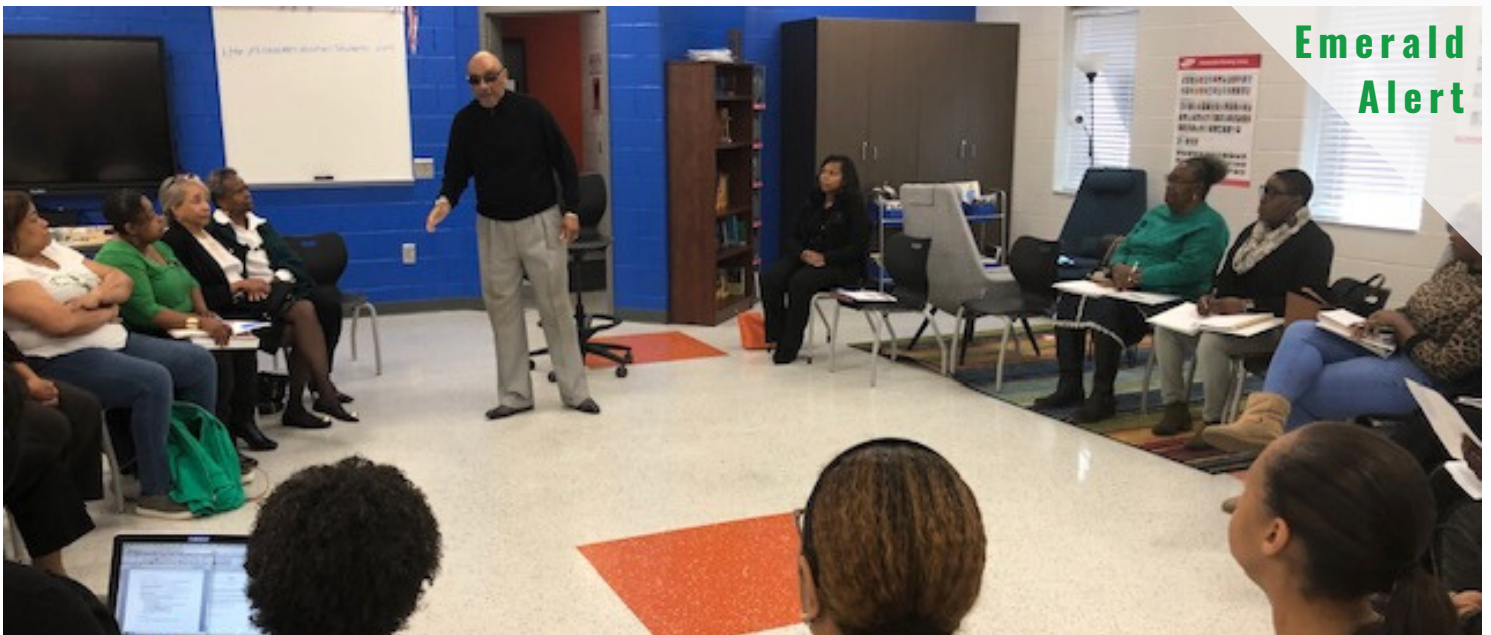
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