

The Links Connector

Class of 2009

Five new members inducted into the South Bend Area (IN) Chapter



Five ladies were inducted in the South Bend Chapter in June. Their orientation was supervised by Vice President Syers. For their service project they purchased and/or obtained through donations supplies to make summer activity packets for the children of the YWCA. The children had an opportunity to decorate their own bags and then fill their bags with items such as pencils, pens, toothpaste and toothbrushes, markers, books, toys, bookmarks, stickers, informational pamphlets an

activity journal created by the new inductees.

From left to right the new members are:

Christal Atkins, Kathy Byrd - Connecting Link Anthony Byrd, Denetrice Kabiswa, Stephanie Spivey - Connecting Link Lt. Col. Reginald Spivey, and Pamela Lightfoot Sullivan - Connecting Link Dr. Mack Sullivan

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, September 5-South Bend Links Meeting
- Tuesday, September 15-Form 990 and Bonding Insurance due
- Saturday, October 3-Links half day Retreat from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (no regular meeting for October)
- Saturday, November 7 - Regular Meeting at 10:00 am at Trio's
- Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 5 (no regular meeting for December)
- National Assembly, June 30, 2010 - July 4, 2010 - Detroit, Michigan

-Leslie Wesley, Secretary



FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOUTH BEND AREA (IN) CHAPTER

The South Bend Links will hold its first meeting for the fiscal year, 2009-2010 on Saturday, September 5, 2009. The Executive Board met Wednesday, September 3, 2009, at the Indiana Trust & Investment Management



Company Mishawaka, Indiana. The agenda will include the President's Report, Officers Reports, Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports, Christmas Brunch Discussion, Links half day Retreat, Meet the Class of 2009, and other items.

While this is a holiday weekend, we are expecting a quorum to attend.

Happy Birthday

September & August 2009

September 1, 2009

Link Otha Reese

September 16, 2009

Link Vivian Sallie

September 19, 2009

Link Denetrice Kabiwa

August 8, 2009

Alumnae Ida Knight

August 18, 2009

Link Janice Hall

August 18, 2009

Link Ruth Miles

**Links On The Move**

Link Virginia Calvin, chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College, North Central, was among nine Hoosier education, business and community leaders who were recognized at the governor's reception during Indiana Black Expo's 39th annual summer celebration.

The awards were presented by Gov. Mitch Daniels at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009, during a ceremony at the Statehouse.

Awards recipients were selected by the governor in collaboration with the Minority and Women's Enterprises division of the Indiana Department of Administration.

Link Calvin has been chancellor of Ivy Tech North Central since 2000. Before that she was an educator, principal and then superintendent of the South Bend Community Corporation.

"It is a privilege to serve people, a privilege that must be earned; and once earned, there is an obligation to do something good with it."

- Barbara Jordan -

The Links, Incorporated

Link Patton
President



Link Syers
Vice President



Link Wesley
Secretary



Link Stith
Financial Secretary



Link Harris
Treasurer

2009-2010 OFFICERS

GOSPELFEST 2009

I want to thank you all for all of the work that was done toward making the GospelFest a great success. I want to especially thank Link Hall, Link Miles and the entire GospelFest committee for the many extra hours it took to make sure that the event went well. I believe that it was enjoyable for all who attended. Comments from anyone who has spoken to me and that I've heard has spoken to many of you have all been positive in regard to the Showcase artists, the main featured guest, and the engaging MC. So to every person that attended a meeting, hosted a meeting, sold a ticket, got an ad, greeted a guest, helped backstage, tended to the guest artist, worked the table, helped seat the guest, gave water to the artists, moved tables, decorated the venue, passed out programs, ran errands, picked up food, invited your friends, or simply said a kind word, I thank you for being of service to others; Because, that's what being a Link is all about. I thank you all again and look forward to our upcoming work in this new year in Linkdom. I also do want to offer an apology to Link Kathy Byrd and Link Phyllis Syers as their names were inadvertently left off the

Patron list. If you have not turned your ticket or ad money in to Link Stith, please do so as soon as possible so that we may have a timely reporting of the event.

-President Tina Patton



Verity Records Recording Artist
Shari Addison, Guest Artist
GospelFest 2009

Tina M. Patton - A Perspective on Links


It is an honor to serve as the President of the South Bend Area Chapter of the Links. I am pleased to serve, not only the community through deeds and actions, but to also

serve my sister Links by providing leadership that will keep us focused on the true meaning of Friendship and the mission of our National organization.

I recognize that everything will not always go as planned, but I believe a good leader is not afraid to face the difficult issues and help the group come to a workable resolve. I hope to be that kind of leader and thank the members of

the South Bend Area Chapter for allowing me to be your President. Together, we can make a difference.



THE LINKS FOUNDATION

Reminder that your next installation of your building fund assessment will soon be due. Check your records for details. Your assessment should be paid to Link Stith. The money is sent to National as a group. Look on the Links' Website for an opportunity to join in the excitement about the Renovation, Restoration & Renewal of The Links, Incorporated and the Links Foundation, Incorporated National Headquarters.

40th Central Area Conference - Powering The Promise - Oklahoma City,

Link Tina Patton and Link Phyllis Syers attended the 2009 Central Area Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We received a rousing welcome from the Oklahoma City Chapter. They were made to feel welcome at home with a beautiful Link bag and white sequin studded Cowboy hats. Central Area Director, Link Tere Caldwell encouraged everyone to "renew our commitment to our chapters, and recalibrate our individual and collective service compass in anticipation of what the coming two years hold for our sisterhood, and our respective chapters and our communities. Every effort was made to ensure that every Link had opportunity to meet new sister Links and greet old acquaintances while at the Conference. There were quite a few new things that occurred at this years' conference. Some of them included:

- The program book was not printed, but was given to each member on a flash disk designed specifically for Links.
- The Legacy Tea was introduced where they served tea and finger sandwiches
- Cash prizes were awarded to celebrate excellence in

Chapter Programming

- A Time and Place Committee was established to develop a process and criteria for selection of sites for area conferences for 2017-2027.

As with all Conferences and National Assemblies, valuable information was shared that could be useful in enhancing sisterhood and service among Chapters.

More Newsletters?

With your help, we can provide you with a monthly newsletter. To make this happen, you must submit Links news to Imogene Harris, imogene.harris@comcast.net by the end of the second week of each month.

For October newsletter, information must be submitted by Friday, September 14, 2009. This is Volume 1, Issue 1.



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