

IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2018



Dear Sister Links,

I hope you had a joyous and restful holiday season and are ready to get back into the groove of service with a renewed spirit. Right now, we are in preparation mode for the Program Reports that are due by 8:59pm on February 1. Link Cameron and I are working on submission of the reports. Facet Chairs will be asked to provide data and project data for upcoming events.

The Facets have been working very hard. Since our last meeting, International Trends and Services presented "Compassion for The Caribbean." Link Thelma Day and her Facet Team put on outstanding program. They received school supplies, clothes, shoes, food products, toothbrushes and all sorts of necessary health related items from attendees. This event was done to provide assistance to the people in Haiti. The program included a video as well as an African Drum & Dance Group. They got the audience on their feet and into a circle to participate. All of this was done with the assistance of our partner, Rev. Kelvin Sauls who provided use of White Hall at Holman Church. Special thanks to the members in attendance from other Facets. It was a phenomenal experience.

This month, we held our first "Cocktails and Conversations" at the home of Link Pamela Elkins. From the moment you entered her home to the sounds of Howard Alston on the piano and the clarinet to the beautiful floral arrangements to the appetizing refreshments, you felt the warmth and the friendship. Members invited friends and we had some of the candidates present. Conversations covered the spectrum from the living room to the den as well as the kitchen where some were watching the shutdown of the federal government. Now that was a hot subject! Even when the party was technically over, members jumped in and cleaned up, talked and hung out with each thinking about the next time. Thank you to Link Denise and the Membership Committee. A very special thank you to Link Pam for making us feel special in her beautiful home. If you missed this event, we hope you will come out on February 2 for a Friendship Happy Hour at Ruth Chris in the Marina. If you have a suggestion for an impromptu get together, let Link Denise Downing know so we can get it calendared.

On Friday, January 26th, National Trends and Services will present their third AARP Workshop on "Scams Against Seniors." This event will occur at the West Angeles Villas on 60th and Crenshaw. Please make every effort to come out if you are available. This information is very invaluable. If you have a loved one that is a senior, then please attend and get information that will empower you and your loved ones. So many seniors are falling victim to predators who are stealing their life savings and their ID. The event is from noon o 2:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. The January meeting is very important. We will be voting on candidates for membership into our Chapter. Their picture and information will be posted in the room. Voting will be by ballot. You will vote yes or no for each candidate. Please be

on time. **Ballots will be distributed at 9:10am and balloting will close by 9:40am.** Tellers will be appointed at the meeting.

It's that time of year again when it is time to step up to leadership in the Chapter. We are truly looking for members who make the time to serve as officer for the following positions: First Vice President (Membership); Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary. Link Rita Bernard-Harris and her Committee will distribute forms. Please return them by February 9th to Link Rita Bernard-Harris.

There is a new edition to the Legacy, the "At-A- Glance Cluster Calendar." As we receive dates on upcoming events, this information will be posted. As we get the invitations, we will start emailing them out so you have enough notice to attend. If there are several members who would like to attend, we can also put together a group so we can sit together or at least carpool together.

As a reminder, we are wearing blue for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We will take pictures and forward the photo as requested by the Western Area Human Trafficking Chair, Link Stephany Powell. She is putting together an album for the National Assembly as well as posting the Area Facebook Page. So, pull out that blue dress, sweater set or scarf or may be that blue lipstick. Remember to smile for the camera.

In closing, we have been meeting and working as well as having fun. Life is short. Let's make 2018 a year of no regrets, carry out our programs and make them stand out from the rest. 2018 is about friendship and giving our very best to make our Chapter friendship bond even stronger.

In friendship,

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