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IPC PRESIDENT'S LETTER



A New Beginning

Dear Sister Links,

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Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you had a well-rested and enjoyable mini vacation from Links during the holiday season.

As I began to think about what I was going to write about, it became very clear. We have been focused on our friendship with bonding activities and doing things outside of the regular Chapter meeting. This is wonderful. We need to do more fun and interactive things to keep that momentum going. However, what I realized is that we really need to step up and get our Connecting Links connected.

In planning for Dr. Ricketts Connecting Link Service, I was able to get one Connecting Link from our Chapter and then located two others from other chapters. The Connecting Link Service is a part of our Ritualistic Ceremonies. As such, the men are also part of the ceremony. But if they don't know each other, they cannot participate in the part of the service to speak about deceased. Therefore, I am asking everyone to think of an activity to bring the men together to meet each other, provide them with a roster of Connecting Links so they can begin to cultivate each.

I would like to ask all of you to keep Link Hansonia Harriford and Link Vera in your hearts and prayers as well as check in on them from time to time and maybe bring them a meal. Link Hansonia has been back and forth with her husband to the hospital. She has a hospital bed at the house or him to make him more comfortable when he comes home. Link Vera needs some calls from time to time since the passing of her husband of 62 years. In addition, please also keep Alumna members Link Barbara Solomon and Link Narvia Shannon also in our prayers as their husbands are also ill. Send thinking about you cards or leave them a message that you are thinking about them.

As we embark upon this New Year, we truly can celebrate the elegance, grace and stalwart leadership of President Barack H. Obama and Mrs. Michelle Obama. Their presence for the last eight years has changed the world and the next generation of children to know that regardless of the color of their skin, they too, can run for President and be the President.

The country has inaugurated a new President. We must be vocal and make sure that everything we have fought for is not lost – from voter rights to reproductive rights to human rights. “A closed mouth does not get fed.” Legislative issues and political

appointments are happening daily. If there is something that is not in the best interest of the communities we serve, we have to speak and fight for those who cannot fight.

2017 is a truly a year of changes. Let's step up and make sure we are at the table, the polling places and the public forums speaking out.

In Friendship,



Leslie

Link Leslie



Michael and Susan Comrie - 1/19

Happy Birthday

January Connecting Links
Curtis Carpenter - 1/13



Member Assessment

This is a reminder that each member is assessed \$500 when we don't have a fundraiser. A payment coupon will be included in the Deck. All assessments are due by **Saturday, December 31, 2016.**

Payment Schedule:

One-Payment of \$500
Two Payments of \$250 each
Three Payments – October - \$165; November - \$165; December - \$170

Make checks payable to **“White Rose Foundation.”**

All assessments must be paid before dues are accepted.

Memorial Service for Dr. Newton Ricketts Husband of Link Vera Ricketts

Family Dinner:

Friday, January 27th from 6pm – 8pm
Home of Vera Ricketts
4966 Maymont Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Connecting Link & Memorial Service: Links wear uninterrupted White

Saturday, January 28th at 11am
Knox Presbyterian Church
5840 La Tijera Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Repast at Church following the memorial service.

Connecting Link Update

Charles is now in the Centinela Skilled Nursing Care Center at 950 S. Flower - right across the street from the hospital. Our goal is to strengthen his immune system, while he also is being given physical and occupational therapy to strengthen his legs and core. He is continuing to receive his Urinary Track Infection antibiotic IV - every 12 hours, through the 25th. I plan to bring him home on Thursday, the 26th.

Please feel free to call (10 am - 7 pm): [310/674-3216](tel:3106743216). Ask for the West Station - and to speak to Charles in Room 20 B. There are no phones in the room, but they will carry a portable phone to him. It will cheer him to hear from you.

Meanwhile, I am toasting everyone's strength and patience.

Much love,

Hansonia

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Maggiano's in the Grove
189 The Grove Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Breakfast: 8:30 am

Meeting: 9:00 am



Hostesses:
Link Wanda Briscoe
Link Cameron Brown
Link Melissia Buckhalter-Honore

FINANCE REMINDER



HAITI CONTRIBUTION

As a reminder, there are several of you who have not paid their \$5 assessment for the Western Area Haiti Project. The Chapter voted in April 2016 to participate for 5 years.

Dues will not be accepted until this assessment is paid.

CHAPTER DUES

Chapter dues are \$660 and are being accepted from January through March. You pay your dues in installments provided you have met the Chapter Assessment (\$500 – payable to the White Rose Foundation – Link Doris Tims, WRF Financial Secretary) and the Western Area Assessment (\$5 – payable to Inglewood Pacific Chapter – Link Rhonda Cotton, IPC Financial Secretary). The last day to pay your dues via check is March 15th. **Payments received on March 16th and after must be paid by Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check**

