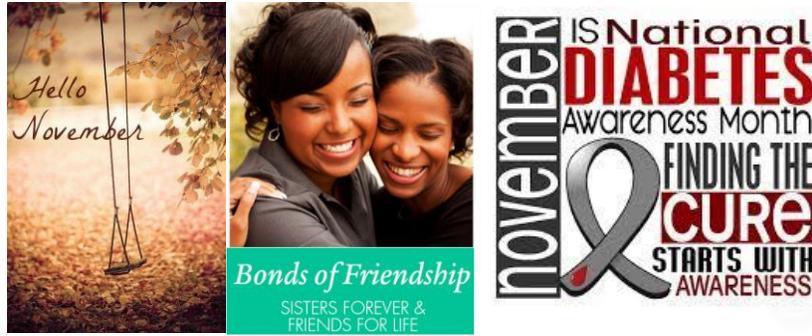


## IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2019



Can you believe it is November already? The end of the year is fast approaching. Where did the year go? "High Heels" is behind us and thank all of you who worked hard to make it a success. Special thanks to Leslie Orticke and Lula Morehouse, Chair and co-chair respectfully and their committee. A special thanks needs to go to IPC Alumna Brenda LaMotte and her florist colleague, Julia, who stepped in at the last minute to create those exquisite centerpieces. In spite of the admonition, some of our guests walked out with the shoe! And as always, special thank you to Connecting Link Reggie Jones who gifted IPC his technical assistance to help make the night wonderful.

As many of you know, I traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the National Leadership conference. It was really inspiring and very rewarding. A conversation with Susan Taylor started the two day event. She shared so many pearls of wisdom that I could not note them all down. But one thing she said that resonated with me is that we are busy women who are always rushing. She mentioned that generally when we are in meetings, we are thinking about what else we need to do after the meeting. I will admit that that can be true for me. We need to slow down and savor the moment. We need to appreciate the time we share in this space because tomorrow is not promised. So in addition to all we do at meetings, please take time to enjoy the time with your Link sisters.

Please see photo of the Western Area members at 2019 The Links, Incorporated National Leadership Conference that is included below. Note, I have on our green IPC jacket (seated on the front row).



Sadly enough, we have loss another of our founders, Vera Ricketts. IPC is conducting her memorial service on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 7 pm at the Inglewood Mortuary. Please make every effort to be there. She has been a rock to this chapter and our attendance should mirror her importance in the life of this chapter. Vera was an active member when I joined this chapter 21 years ago. She was funny, patient, committed to service and always impeccably dressed. Thru Vera's efforts, IPC supported the Chalky Hills School in Jamaica for over a dozen years. Vera Rickett's transition leaves us with just one remaining founder, Thelma Rice.

Did you see Thelma's face when she was presented with her award as founder? She cried. IPC means a lot to her. So please reach out to Thelma at this time.

Thank you to Pamela Elkins who graciously opens her home to IPC whenever we ask for hosting the Friendship Month Activity. Thank you to Susan Houze and the membership committee for putting the activity together. All in attendance had a great time including a number of our candidates. Hope everyone left with their "Black cards in place"!

Thanks for all you do. As always, it's a pleasure to serve as your President.

As always, yours in Friendship and Service,  
Marguerite Denise Downing