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CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

January

All Month - Human
Trafficking Awareness

23rd – Inglewood Pacific Chapter
Meeting

President's Message

Happy New Year! Did you make your New Year resolutions?

December was a very mixed bag for our IPC family. Although we were on hiatus from monthly chapter meetings, many of us were busy with Links work.

Kudos to White Rose Foundation Directors under the leadership of President Pamela Elkins and their past president Thelma Day who spearheaded a personal toiletry gifting to the residents of Building Lives, LLC (please see photos below). Thanks again to Link Evelyn Turner and the Social Committee for a wonderful and fun Christmas party. All in attendance enjoyed themselves immensely. Link Susan Comrie had us laughing with the holiday games she put together. Some Link sisters were gifted with "Secret Sister" presents under the Christmas tree. Which reminds me to ask, have you remembered your "Secret Sister" lately?

National Trends and Services conducted an installation of their "Seniors Are You Ready?" series at West Angeles Senior Villas on December 6th. Thank you, Link Velma Marshall and the NTS facet committee for continuing to make that program happen.

On a sadder note, we lost a Connecting Link Milton Tims, husband of Link Doris Times while Link Coretta Harris lost her mother, Annie Harris. Please continue to reach out to both Links Doris and Coretta.

I had the pleasure of representing IPC along with Links Thelma Day, Krishna Tabor, Nancy Rahem, Leslie Orticke at the Pasadena-Altadena "Dancing Under the Stars" event. (Please see photo). Also a number of us were present to see our own Heir-O-Link Ayanna Woods as she was presented at the Los Angeles Chapter Cotillion.

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Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2019

Park Hills Community
Church
5247 Overdale Dr, Los
Angeles, CA 90043

Dinner Served: 6:30pm
Meeting: 7:00am

Hostess:

Link Coretta Harris
Link Susan Houze
Link JoAnn Jolly-Blanks

December Birthdays

Links

Wanda Briscoe – 12/18
Leslie Orticke – 12/28

Connecting Links

Reggie Jones – 12/8
Phillip Downing – 12/17

December Anniversaries

Thelma & Otho Day – 12/18
Sandra & Bilson Davis - 12/24

In conclusion, please join me in congratulating Link Lula Moore who got engaged over the holidays. We have a new connecting Link in our future. IPC also has an incoming Heir-O-Link as Link Rhena Smith and her husband, Connecting Link Alfred Smith are expecting a “Little Smith”.

As always, my best wishes for a “Linked New Year”!

Link Denise



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January Birthdays

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Micaela LeBlanc – 1/27

Connecting Links

Curtis Carpenter – 1/13

Otho Day – 1/8



January Anniversaries

Susan & Michael Comrie– 1/19



A Newsletter for the Inglewood Pacific Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
January 2020



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of HHS Facet, we would like members to wear blue to our chapter meeting on Thursday, January 23rd to support Human Trafficking Awareness.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Soul Line Dancing for Heart Health – HHS

- 2/7/20
- Location: Center of Hope Church

Mardi Gras Scholarship Fundraiser - SFV (CA) Chapter

- 2/22/20

National Assembly

- Dates: 6/16-6/20/20
- Location: New Orleans, LA

Western Area Leadership Summit

- 10/21/20
- Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, TX

45th Western Area Conference

- June 2 – 6, 2021
- Portland Marriott City Center, Portland, OR

Cost \$5 per person
FREE PARKING

Join Us!
**SOUL LINE DANCING
FOR HEART HEALTH**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated*
Theta Mu Omega
Tau Tau Omega
Mu Beta Omega

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 - 7:00pm

Center of Hope Church - Gymnasium
9550 Crenshaw Blvd
Inglewood, CA 90305


Two Left Feet???? Don't worry, it is a "no-fault" kind of party!!!
Come for the fun and stay for your health!
Hosted by J&J Soulful Steps Linedancing

Wear RED on February 7th to support AHA & Heart Disease Awareness
For More Information contact: Jackie Rice at jrice5@ca.rr.com or
Shelly Kinder at TMOHealthandwellness@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATE (cont.)



San Fernando Valley (CA)
Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

*Mardi Gras 2020
Mask-erade Soirée*

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, February 22, 2020

Hilton Woodland Hills
6360 Canoga Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA

*Formal Invitation with
Details to Follow!*





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CONGRATULATIONS

Link Nancy Rahim has been appointed to the Western Area of the Links, inc Election committee.

Connecting Link Reggie Jones was honored for his almost 40 career and his mentorship by nonprofit organization, The Lyrical Revolution. The organization supports youth mentoring.





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HBCU HIGHLIGHTS

Tennessee State University

Tennessee State University (Tennessee State, Tenn State, or TSU) is a public historically black Land-grant university in Nashville, Tennessee. Founded in 1912, it is the largest and only state-funded historically black university in Tennessee. It is a member-school of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Tennessee State University offers 38 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees, and seven doctoral degrees.

The university was established as the Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State Normal School for Negroes in 1912. Its dedication was held on January 16, 1913. It changed its name to Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State Normal College in 1925. Two years later, in 1927, it became known as Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State College.

In 1941, the Tennessee General Assembly directed the Board of Education to upgrade the educational program of the college. Three years later the first master's degrees were awarded and by 1946 the college was fully accredited the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools](#). Significant expansion occurred during the presidency of [Walter S. Davis](#) between 1943 and 1968, including the construction of "70 percent of the school's facilities" and the establishment of the graduate school and four other schools.

In 1968, the college officially changed its name to Tennessee State University. And in 1979, the [University of Tennessee at Nashville](#) merged into Tennessee State due to a court mandate.

Today, Tennessee State University is divided into eight schools and colleges and has seen steady growth since its inception. It remains the only public university in Nashville and its health science program is the largest in the state and one of the largest in the nation.

Aligned with the Tennessee Board of Regents, it is currently governed by an institutional Board of Trustees.

The 500 acres (2.0 km²) main [campus](#) has more than 65 buildings, and is located in a residential setting at 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd in [Nashville, Tennessee](#). Tennessee State's main campus has the most acres of any college campus in Nashville. The [Avon Williams](#) campus is located downtown, near the center of the Nashville business and government district. Tennessee State offers on-campus housing to students. There are on-campus dorms and two apartment complexes for upperclassmen. On-campus facilities include dormitories Wilson Hall, Watson Hall, Eppse Hall, Boyd Hall, Rudolph Hall, Hale Hall, as well as the Ford Complex and New Residence Complex, TSU's two on-campus apartment complexes.



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Grambling State University

Grambling State was founded in 1901 and accredited in 1949. The school became Grambling College in 1946, named after [Judson H. Grambling](#), a white sawmill owner who donated a parcel of land for construction of the school.

Grambling State University developed from the desire of African-American farmers in rural north Louisiana who wanted to educate other African Americans in the northern part of the state. In 1896, the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association led by Lafayette Richmond was formed to organize and operate a school. After opening a small school west of what is now the town of Grambling, the Association requested assistance from [Booker T. Washington](#) of [Tuskegee Institute](#) in [Alabama](#). [Charles P. Adams](#), sent to aid the group in organizing an industrial school, became its founder and first president.

Under Adams' leadership, the Colored Industrial and Agricultural School opened on November 1, 1901. Four years later, the school moved to its present location and was renamed as the North Louisiana Agricultural and Industrial School. By 1928, the school was able to offer two-year professional certificates and diplomas after becoming a state junior college. The school was renamed Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute.

In 1936, the program was reorganized to emphasize rural education. It became known as "The Louisiana Plan" or "A Venture in Rural Teacher Education." Professional teaching certificates were awarded when a third year was added in 1936, and the first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1944 in elementary education. The institution's name was changed to Grambling College in 1946 in honor of a white sawmill owner, P.G. Grambling, who donated a parcel of land for the school. Thereafter, the college prepared secondary teachers and added curricula in sciences, liberal arts and business. With these programs in effect, the school was transformed from a single purpose institution of teacher education into a multi-purpose college.

In 1949, the college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Grambling science building is one of twenty-six public structures in Louisiana constructed by prominent contractor [George A. Caldwell](#), who completed major public buildings throughout the state.^[2] In 1974, the addition of graduate programs in early childhood and elementary education qualified the school as a university; it was called Grambling State University.

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HBCU HIGHLIGHTS

Grambling State University (cont.)

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[State Representative George B. Holstead](#) of Ruston, whose grandfather had been instrumental in the founding of Louisiana Tech, worked to increase state appropriations for both Louisiana Tech and Grambling State University during his legislative tenure from 1964-1980.^[3]

On December 7, 2010, the [Grambling State University Historic District](#), an area comprising 16 buildings dating from 1939 to 1960, was added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#).

GSU's [World Famed Tiger Marching Band](#) is a historic marching band with many special accolades and accomplishments. For instance, they are the only HBCU marching band in the nation to perform at two consecutive U.S. presidential inaugurations.^[13] "World Famed" was founded in 1926 and serves as one of the premier ambassadors of the university. One of the band's most anticipated traditions is the annual nationally televised "Battle of The Bands" against Southern University's Human Jukebox marching band during [Bayou Classic](#) weekend in the [Superdome](#). The yearly event attracts tens of thousands of alumni, fans, and spectators.^[14]

"World Famed" is led by four [drum majors](#) and features a dance line from Grambling's [Orchesis Dance Company](#) (ODC).



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Chapter Hostess Schedule 2019 - 2020

<u>May 25, 2019</u> Tracie Bowdoin Wanda Briscoe Cameron Brown Jones	<u>June 29, 2019</u> Chapter Retreat No Hostesses
<u>September 28, 2019</u> Eva Carpenter Anita Castille Susan Comrie	<u>October 26, 2019</u> Rhonda Cotton Saundra Davis Thelma Day
<u>November 23, 2019</u> Denise Downing Pamela Elkins Angela Glover	<u>January 25, 2020</u> Coretta Harris Susan Houze Jo Ann Jolly-Blanks
<u>February 22, 2020</u> Brandi Jones Jackie Kimbrough Micaela LeBlanc	<u>March 28, 2020</u> Velma Marshall Lula Morehouse Aida Morrow
<u>April 25, 2020</u> Charlotte Ned Leslie Orticke Brenda Penny Gainer	<u>May 23, 2020</u> Rebecca Sherrill Rena Smith Adia Smith Parker