



Dear Sister Links,

As we prepare and gather for the Thanksgiving feast with family and friends, we go around the table and listen to each other make a statement as to “What are YOU Thankful For? Whether it is your health, home, family, friends or food, we have so much to be grateful for. We are so blessed to live in a country where we have rights and the freedom to express our views. We have friends and family who survived the most horrendous hurricanes and floods. And yet, there are still so many people who have so little who depend on the kindness of strangers, especially during the holiday season.

Through our commitment to help other people, we try to make their situations better. As we move through this holiday season, we will celebrate, enjoy parties and other fun events. As part of your holiday activities, I want to encourage you to come on to Holman Church on Adams and participate in “Compassion for the Caribbean.” We need you to bring basic necessities, clothing, school supplies, diapers (see the flyer). International Trends and Services is spearheading this campaign. We need you to invite your friends and family to come out bring things that someone who doesn’t have a lot can appreciate. We are our brother and sister’s keeper. Please come out and spread the holiday cheer by helping other people evolve.

I want to also commend ITS for an outstanding forum on Human Trafficking on Saturday, November 4. The program was very enlightening. We heard from a trafficking survivor. Her story captured our attention. She shared valuable information from the terms they use on Facebook, snapchat and so many other under the radar sites. Link Thelma Day played a video of what Haiti looks like post hurricane devastation and why it is an opportunity for traffickers to take advantage of the young girls because of their lack of resources. Link Stephany Powell, President of the San Fernando Valley Chapter (our collaborating partner) also gave a riveting presentation and shared the song by the Whispers, “Olivia,” (recorded 1978) about a young girl pulled into prostitution. We as a chapter must continue to inform the youth and parents in in the communities we serve.

It is no longer just the runaways. Trafficking is affecting our youth as they attend college and graduate from college. We still have a lot of work to do prepare the community.

On Sunday, November 19th, we spent Friendship Month developing our personal fragrance. Our members and guests came up with some of the most creative names for their fragrance. Special thanks to Links Krishna Tabor, Denise Downing and Patricia Price for the tasty refreshments and Mimosas and Savannahs. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

As a reminder, according to the Chapter Bylaws, "All assessments must be paid by December 31st. It is highly recommended to anyone who has an outstanding financial obligation to submit their payment to Link Velma Marshall the deadline date. Checks or Money Orders are to be made out to the "White Rose Foundation." Dues for the 2018-19 year \$660 and can be paid in up to three (3) installments. Your payment coupon will be attached or in the Deck.

Have a wonder turkey day and I look forward to seeing you at our November 25, 2017 Chapter monthly meeting.

In friendship,
Link Leslie Orticke, President