

May 2017 IPC President's Message



Welcome to 2017-18 and a new biennium. May is traditionally a month of celebrations: Mother's Day, graduations, proms and Memorial Day. This May however has had some bumps along the way for our membership. We extend heartfelt condolences to Link Rhonda Cotton with passing of her Uncle Adolphus Sayles who died May 1. In addition, Rhonda's mother was hospitalized several times. She is now in a rehabilitation facility. Link Charlotte Ned, her mother and father came down with an infection within days of each other. They are all doing better. Link Brenda LaMotte has returned to Baton Rouge, LA this past Monday, because her mother was placed in hospice. Her mother passed on Tuesday this week. Charles Harriford, husband of Link Hansonia was readmitted to the hospital with internal bleeding. Lastly Link Thelma Rice is having some minor health challenges. I am asking each of you to think about how you can be supportive to your Link Sisters. It may be a note or a meal. Let's keep in mind that in addition to service, we are also about friendship as well.

As for celebrations, there have been a few. Following the April meeting, Link Krishna and I attended the "Women Who Rock" luncheon hosted by the Order of Eastern Star. Link Velma Marshall was one of their honorees along with one of the founders of Black Lives Matter.

Link Dorothy Thornhill and I were in attendance at the Inner City Youth Orchestra (ICYOLA). Last Friday, Links Susan Houze, Velma Marshall, MaryAnn Smith and I were at the Hilton Checkers Hotel in honor of Link Denise Downing who received the "Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award." At the May meeting, International Trends and Services will recognize Link Vera Ricketts at the meeting for her involvement in Jamaica. I encourage everyone to let us know some of the wonderful honors and awards you are receiving so the Chapter can be there to cheer you on.

Last but not least, we welcome Link Eva Carpenter and Link Patricia Price back from their leave of absence.

In friendship,
Leslie
Link Leslie Orticke, President