




Below is a summary of Facet activities for the month of **November**. Also, a listing of upcoming events with dates and times are provided for your service.

Facet	November's Activities/Programs	Upcoming Activities/Programs
<p>Health and Human Services Chair: Link Rhonda Co-Chair: Link Barbara</p>	<p><u>Childhood Obesity</u></p> <p>On November 8th, the Allen Village School third graders and their teachers attended The Chiefs Sports Lab with the GKC Links volunteers. Students enjoyed learning about the rich history of the KC Chiefs, visited the locker room, and learned about the body systems while exercising in the sports lab. This was part of the culminating event after three lessons presented on Childhood Obesity during the month of October. Students were appreciative of their time spent with the following Links members: Melanie Miller, Sheryll Meyers, Pat Rowles, Pat Mitchell, Pat Jones, Rhonda Reddick, Everlyn Williams, Barbara Graham, and Katrina Robertson. On Friday, November 9th, students were presented with gifts of portion control dinnerware from Susan Kemper Dietrich's Livliga home goods line. Students correlated likeness of their gifts with "My Plate" once receiving them. In addition, they received a book on nutrition featuring characters, Sammie and Sax. These items were donated by Phyllis Washington. See photos of the events below.</p> 	<p><u>Lessons in a Lunch Box</u></p> <p>Who: Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in KCKs</p> <p>When: Feb 25, 2019</p> <p>What: Oral Hygiene + Childhood Obesity Lessons</p>



International Trends and Services

Chair: Link Phaedra L.
Co-Chair Link Dana

November Activity



1. The ITS committee will be donating this product to the girls age 10-13 in Jarmon Jamaica. These girls will receive a package of 3 period panties and also disposable sanitary napkins. A survey will also accompany each pack. The questions will relate to the feasibility and utility of using the Period panites vs the sanitary napkins. We will start with 10 girls. If the period panties prove useful, we will then seek funds to send more packets by partnering with local pharmacies/organizations. Also for each panty we purchase, The Thinx company will donate to a women or girl in need. We are working the the organization - Won to One Jamaica

International Women's day 3/8/2018

2. We are donating funds towards internet service for the communities new tutoring service. \$134.00 for one month's of service. We hope to do more once the center is up and running.

National Trends and Services

Chair: Link Danadra
Co-Chair: Link Bernie

Teen Summit - Safe Space for Real Talk

On **October 14th**, the GKC Links led an interactive experience and discussion for and by teens on race, privilege, mental health and bullying. A total of 60 students/teens The speaker for the evening was Spence Hardwick. Presenters for the Parent groups included Dr. Susan Wilson (Suicide), Patrice Welch (Bullying), Yolanda Moten (Mental Health) and Sheila Tillman (Parent of children with depression). Churches and Organizations participating were Old Mission UMC, St. James UMC, St. Andrews UMC, St. Paul's UMC, Shawnee Mission East High School D&I Student Team, Jack and Jill of America/Johnson County Chapter. The event was held at St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City (5540 Wayne Ave).



Mayoral Candidate Forum

1st week of March

- Hear from KC Mayoral candidates on the most significant issues impacting our community, learn about upcoming ballot items, key registration and voting dates.

Women's Well Summit 2.0

Saturday, April 13

- This summit will seek to provide positive health and wellness messages, raise awareness about women's health issues for underserved women.

Links Day at the Capital - LDAC (MO)

April 2019 (TBA)

- A one day visit of the Missouri State Capitol (Jefferson City) where Links members will be able to bring to the attention of state legislators and other state public officials the legislative and public policy issues of critical importance to the Central Area and to our national organization.



On election day (**November 6**), the GKC Links lead an **Adopt-a-Poll project** at St. James United Methodist Church for Election Protection for the general election. Ten volunteers covered a total five shifts from 7am to 7pm to protect the vote of the community. Volunteers also participated in a one hour training is required prior to volunteering on the day of.





Services to Youth
 Chair: Link Cassandra
 Co-Chair: Link Carla

STEM: Links Carla and Alumni Angela Curry contacted William Wells of ASteem on November 5 to provide an update on establishing the GKC Links sponsored Jr. NSBE Chapter. They agreed to begin our Link sponsorship with the 3rd graders at Troost Elementary. Also looking to register 2 teams from Troost. Recommendation is that we have 2 volunteers per team, coaches and parental participation. Link Shaunda has identified a 3rd grade class, 13 students. The cost will for registration is \$120 per team.

Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG)
 Link Carla and Link Anne serve on the board of **Awesome Ambitions**. We will ensure that GKC Link members are notified of the Awesome Ambitions Calendar. Our goal is to increase our participation by 30%.(note: background check may be required). Link Cassandra will have a table at the Awesome Ambitions major fundraiser, Purse-onality, April 27, 2019. Link sisters are encouraged to attend.

Establish a NSBE Jr. Chapter sponsored by the GKC Links at Troost Elementary , Principal Link Shaunda. Establish the chapter, June 29, 2019. Recommendation is 2 one (1) hour STEM sessions weekly.

December 1st, Community Service activity (Rose Brooks Center). Volunteers are needed. Service hours available for this activity. Activities are 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month.

Link Rebecca reported that the GKC Links will sponsor 5 Awesome Ambition students for the upcoming theatre production, Othello. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the girls for this event. Link sisters that volunteer will receive service hours.

READ ACROSS AMERICA: Link Phadra has proposed that we expand our participation and support of the **READ ACROSS AMERICA** initiative, from one day to a full week, include three schools and incorporate the theme of “Link”ing Boys to Men and “Link”ing Girls Dreams. Students will keep a log verified by the teacher/parents of books read during the week of February 25- March 1. For each book read they will receive one ticket for raffle drawing on Friday March 1. The prizes will be presented by prominent Men and Women, such as sport figures, lawyers, physicians, and etc. Some of the prizes discussed were a signed football from NFL players, gift certificates, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP: Link Michel presented the draft (working document) of the Scholarship Guidelines, including criteria. Purpose is to recognize and reward academic excellence. Promote and support students pursuing post-secondary education. The GKC Links Scholarship Committee awards college scholarship to high achieving student of African American descent from the Kansas City metropolitan area.

HBCU: Link Kelly has the lead for the GKC Links Annual Fundraiser/Walk. We cannot reserve any parks for the walk until Jan. 1. Primary goal is to increase chapter participation and support. We hope to expand participation through various organizations such as fraternities, sororities, etc.

READ ACROSS AMERICA: February 25-March 1, 2019

Troost Elementary, Wheatley Elementary and Wyandotte County, Kansas (school TBD).

In support of this initiative we request that our chapter provide books & gifts for the incentive. Member opportunity for volunteer/service hours.

Spring 2019

The Arts

Chair: Link Melanie
Co-Chair: Link Anne

Survey – Overnight Arts Field Trip

The Arts Facet committee will distributed a paper survey at the October meeting to gauge the chapter’s interest in taking an overnight field trip to experience the Arts Scene in Chicago in Spring 2019. Results from the survey will be shared this month.

GKC Night at the Black Repertory Theater – ‘Othello Remix’ – November 16th – We will host a pre-show reception and promote the Friday, **November 16th** performance of the Black Rep’s show at the GEM Theater at **7:30 PM**. Use promo code **GKCLINKS** to get a \$20 discount. We will send a flyer to the chapter that can be shared on social media and with friends and family. We want a big turn out for the show!! Go to www.brkdc.org to purchase tickets.

Arts Newsletter

Our new bi-monthly Arts Newsletter was distributed last month! Be on the lookout for this informative summary of the Arts happenings in Kansas City!

Links, Troost School and the Nelson Art Gallery Partnership – We are working with Link Shonda to facilitate a tour and an art class at the Nelson Art Gallery for students at the Troost School. Date TBD.

Schoolgirls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play

We will sell tickets and host a pre-show reception for the **8:00 PM** show on **March 2nd at the KC Rep Copaken Theater**. Tickets are **\$30** and can be purchased from GKC Links using PayPal or by check. Get your tickets early!