

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Vice President's Report for September 15, 2018

“Friendship First, Membership Matters” Membership is a privilege. Our goal is to Recruit, Engage and Retain members.

I feel honored that I was able to represent the chapter at the National Assembly as an alternate. In the National VP's State of the Union speech – We are doing well, financially, etc. 16, 000 professional women of color in 289 chapters. We are one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations. Link members contribute more than 1 million documented hours of community service annually.

The GKC By-Laws:

Article I – Name: This chapter of The Links, Incorporated shall be known as The Greater Kansas City Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

Article II: Purposes The purposes of the organization are to promote and engage in educational, civic, and intercultural activities in order to enrich the lives of members and the larger community, and to work together toward achieving common goals.

Article III- Membership , Section 3 A. Active : A member in good standing is a member who has met all of her obligations of her Chapter, (i.e., financial, attendance, and other obligations assumed by the Chapter, Area, and the National Assembly); is not under disciplinary action; has met the minimum attendance requirements determined by her chapter and the National attendance requirement for National Assemblies, and/or Area Conferences, (i.e. the 1 in 5 Attendance and Participation Requirement); has met the minimum forty-eight (48) hour service requirement of The Links, Incorporated and has participated in Chapter activities and programs designed to implement the national programs of The Links, Incorporated. She shall pay in a timely manner all dues and assessments of the local Chapter, Area, and National Assembly.

B. Alumna: (1) An alumna member is one who has been active and in good standing for at least (10) years prior to requesting alumna status who, at the age of seventy (70) or more desires alumna status. **(2)** An alumna member may participate in local, area, and national activities provided she pays any fees, which may be required. Upon a majority vote of the members present and voting she shall be accorded all the rights and privileges in the Links, Incorporated, except voting, holding chairmanship of committees, and holding office. Our 3 newest Alumna members are Links June White, Angela Curry and Sherri Leeks.

Back to our purposes - ... “work together toward achieving common goals “ and that we do! Numerous Links were mentioned for assisting in my absence at the June meeting; they worked together toward achieving a common goal – a successful induction ceremony! An adjective to describe them was – KIND. Each member was given a KIND protein bar.

Mentees

Mentors

Link Natalia Banks

Link Tammy Edwards

Link Rhonda Beene

Link Anne Johnson

Link Phadra Kee

Link Betty R. Anderson

They are requested to mentor them for one year. If more time is needed, it will be given. **No Link will be left behind!**

Theatre ROcks- (Reach Out to Kids) Program – For the year 2018 we were awarded \$15,000.00 from the Theater League which was to pay admission fees for students to attend live theatrical performances in the greater Kansas City area. We asked for additional funds to support another school’s attendance at a performance of which we were granted. Fifteen thousand, four hundred thirty- five dollars was used to pay admission fees for 728 students to attend performances.

At the ASCEND group of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s luncheon, recognition was given to our chapter – a plaque for our support of them at local theatres was accepted by me. A plaque was also given to Mark Edelman, president of the Theater League, our FUNDER! He is retiring after 40 years as the president. Link Everlyn was also recognized. I nominated Mark for the Buck O’Neal’s Legacy Seat at the Royals game. He was selected and will be recognized at the September 28th Royals game.

“Hamilton” – Broadway Play

The Theater League approved our chapter ,VIP Group, to receive 100 tickets to the play Hamilton! Our group is scheduled for June 27, 2019 at 7:30 PM Music Hall. I am proud to say all of our tickets are accounted for, plus we have a waiting list.

Respectfully submitted,

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