



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

# Montgomery (AL) Chapter

Fall 2021

## Message from the President

Greetings Link Sisters,

Thoughts on friendship



Friends are like the sturdy oaks that rustle in the breeze when the summer suns are gone...  
Like the boughs of spicy evergreens pressed against our lives to shelter from the wintry blast...  
Friends are like low blooming flowers that break at spring to light our path...  
Like the perfumed roses dropping petals of happiness around our door...  
Friends are like green mosses clinging close to running brooks...  
Like the flowing streams spreading their moisture along the fields and asking no reward or pay...  
Friends are like the shady nooks giving sweet release at evening hush...  
Like the broad expanse of softest green and copper bronze to delight the eye...  
Friends are like the gentle whisperings of a love divine... Forgiving and forgetting without a tinge of blame.

- Bertha Keningham

What is the secret of making friends? There is no secret. Friends, like all good things in this life, can be had by anyone who wants them. There is only one simple rule to follow; it is this: To have a friend, be one yourself.

- Author unknown

In Love and Friendship,

*Link Ann*

The Montgomery Chapter of The Links, Incorporated participated in the 26th National Walk for Healthy Living. We had 37 members participate (90% of the Chapter). Link Denise Vaughn had the highest number of steps, with 19048 steps!

# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Walk for Health Living: Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>



# WHITE ROSE AWARD

The White Rose Award recognizes quarterly a Link Sister, in the chapter, who creates opportunities to totally engage in the ideals of what it means to be a friend by showing acts of kindness to other Links Sisters in sisterly love.

Qualities of a White Rose Recipient :

- She is selfless
- She turns away from herself and highlights the beautiful qualities in others
- She goes out of her way to be helpful to and inclusive of all members
- She keeps an open mind and reserves judgment
- She listens and gives others a chance to talk
- She performs Random Acts of Kindness
- She creates a spirit of friendship in the chapter
- She is the shining example of what a Sister/Friend looks like



Link Monica  
Arrington

Link Dana  
Willis  
Henderson





# S.T.E.A.M Academy

S.T.E.A.M. Academy is an ongoing program which builds on community partnerships to encourage youth to get excited about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Our latest adventure was a 5week summer initiative. We introduced participants to the concept Metamorphosis. We educated them on the Juneteenth holiday through a celebration and hands on soap making contest which were later used as gifts for the people in their lives upon whose shoulders they stand. Judge Lloria James and Chief Deputy District Attorney Azzie Taylor discussed how science and technology are used in the criminal justice system and how accomplice liability should encourage them to choose their friends wisely. Roosevelt Robinson helped them understand the significance of recycling and helped them learn to plant fruits and vegetables. Our medical career day was a huge hit, lead by Dr. Porcia Love (Dermatologist), Dr. Kendra Gillis-Colvin (Pediatrician) and Dr. Dana Willis-Henderson (Veterinarian), who introduced participants to their careers and educated them on why they should consider careers in medicine. Participants learned about how the digestive system works as they colored aprons illustrating their organs with Samarria Dunson. Finally, they participated in a fun and exciting Robotics and Coding Workshop and Competition led by Jhavon Brown from Bear Exploration Center and organized by Janel Bell-Haynes. Alumna members, Connecting Links, and Heir O'Links all played a part to ensure that this kick-off to the program year was successful. Feedback was that this S.T.E.A.M. Academy was an overwhelming success and we look forward to continuing the relationship throughout the program year.



## *Praise Breaks - September*

Link Bernice, inducted in 1987, devoted thirty-one years of faithful service to the Montgomery (AL) Chapter before transferring to Alumnae Status. During those years, Link Bernice served in a number of leadership roles in the chapter as well as the community. In the chapter, Link Bernice served as Chaplain, Recording secretary, Protocols and Rituals Chair, as well as Chair of the Services to Youth and The Arts Facets. Under her leadership, the chapter received awards and recognition at both the Southern Area and National levels. The Services to Youth Facet received recognition at the Southern Area level as a best practice for the three-year program: "Fit for Fun - Girls taking Charge of Their WellBeing," This was part of the Southern Area's focus on obesity. The Arts Facet received the Poster Arts Award as well as third place for a book of original meditations presented to the residents of St Jude. Link Bernice also served as a member of the National Evaluation team for Programs and as a member of the National Protocol Committee at two National Assemblies.



In the community, Link Bernice has served on Executive Committees of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Additionally, she served two terms on the Board of Directors of Leadership Montgomery. Moreover, Link Bernice was the first African American to chair the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the first African American from Alabama to sit on the Board of Directors of The National Association of State Art Agencies, located in Washington, D.C. She was one of five women recipients of the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Drum Major for Justice" Award. In September, 2021, Link Bernice reunited with the Chapter as an active member. She is married to Connecting Link, Judge Charles Price and is the mother of Link Susan Yvette Price and Heir- o -Link Judge Charles Price, II. She is a retired Assistant Professor of Humanities at Alabama State University.



Montgomery (AL) Chapter of The Links, Inc. proudly welcomes back to active status Link Hazel Youngblood. Link Hazel has been active in the chapter since her induction in 1990. Link Hazel has served the chapter in a variety of ways. She has served as a Program Coordinator, Co-Chair of the Arts Facet, Co-Chair and Chair of the Rituals Committee. As a member of the Services to Youth Facet Committee, she was an active part of "Fit For Fun; Girls Taking Charge of Their Well-Being," recognized as a best practice program by the Southern Area. As a member of The Arts Committee, she helped organize the awardwinning day of service, offering manicures to the residents of St. Jude. Link Hazel is wellknown in chapter as quick to lend a helping hand with a smile.

Link Hazel is the recipient of several accolades, including: a ten-year service award from the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Center at Alabama State University. Likewise, she is the recipient of a Certificate of recognition for Outstanding Support in the Goals and Efforts of the Students in Montgomery School System.





Link Hazel is retired from the Montgomery Public School System. She is the widow of Connecting Link Lloyd Youngblood. Together they have one son, Richard, two grandchildren, Richard Lloyd and Jazmin Camara. Welcome Link Hazel.

## Praise Break - October

### MILDRED WORTHY

Make new friends, but keep the old—one is silver but the other's gold! Today's Praise Break is so special to us because she's Platinum! Link Mildred Worthy is our October honoree.

Link Mildred, a native of Linden, NC has been a member for 44 years and counting, joining in 1977. She exemplifies friendship and service and has served the Montgomery Chapter on various facets, committees and positions including chapter president.

Professionally, she is a retired Alabama Education Association Executive. Link Mildred is a dedicated community servant and has served her church, sorority-Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated, Alabama State University Theater Arts Department, The Montgomery Water Works Board and many other organizations with her time and treasure.

Above all Link Mildred's family is her greatest joy! She is the widow of Connecting Link Arthur G. Worthy, a proud mother, doting grandmother and a blessed great grandmother. We are so grateful to have this "Birthday Girl" as our friend and thankful for all the love, support and guidance she freely gives.

We honor you and celebrate your friendship and service!



### UPCOMING DUE DATES FOR ALL STARS SUBMISSIONS



Submission Date	Function	Item
Nov-21	Conference & Event Planning	• Founders Day Activity
	Ethics & Standards	• Chapter Report Card • Chapter President's Certification
	Fund Development	• Fund Development Webinar – <b>Nov 11th</b> • Donor Sponsor Brochure or video & Name of Fund Development Chair ( <b>Due Nov. 12th</b> )
	Intergenerational Affairs	• IGA Activity ( <b>Due Nov 1St</b> )
	Leadership Development	• List of Chapter Leadership Committee members and Update/Create Leadership Planning Chart
	Mind, Body and Spirit	• Praise Break
	Nominating	• Review and discuss bylaw qualifications for elected officers ( <b>Nov 2nd</b> )
	Strategic Planning	• Chapter Strategic Plan Update

Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Needs Assessment <i>(Due Nov. 6th)</i></li> <li>• Area Friendship Month Weekly Activities</li> </ul>
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verification of MMS Accuracy – Nov. 13th</li> </ul>
Parliamentarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter Adopted Bylaws – NLT Nov. 1st</li> </ul>

### Day of Service for the Southern Area of the Links

The Southern Area of the Links: HBCUs Dress for Success Initiative works to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities in their many efforts and initiatives for helping African-American students achieve their professional and future goals. Therefore, the Southern Area of the Links, Day of Service was embraced and completed successfully June 5, 2021, by the Montgomery Chapter of the Links, collecting professional dress clothing such as suits, and other items for students attending Alabama State University, the largest HBCU in Montgomery.

The Montgomery Chapter’s Day of Service participants were: Links Southern Area Officer, Link Deborah Thomas, Montgomery Chapter Program Coordinators, Link Monica Arrington, Link Penni McClammy and the National Trends and Services Facet members: Link Stephanie Howard, Link Brenda DeRamus, Link Gladys Gillis, Link Kristin Gillis, Link Karen Calhoun, Link Kimberlin Love, and chapter members, Link Pamela Fossett, Link Evelyn Hodge, and former Links Southern Region Officer, Link Katie Bell.

Additionally, Alabama State University on September 1, 2021, launched its new ASU Students Resource Room with Whataburger, a local business to support students with clothing and food items needs. Links Evelyn Hodge and Denise Vaughn, ASU employees provided the Montgomery Chapter’s donations for the new ASU Resource room from the Montgomery Chapter Links members. During this time, clothing and professional dress items donated from the Links Day of Service were displayed and available for students to receive. The ASU Students Resource Room is an initiative of the ASU College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and its department of Sociology.

President Quinton Ross Jr. and Vice President Carl Pettis, Dean Kathleen Amanda were very appreciative and consider the Montgomery Chapter of the Links a wonderful partner of the university. Efforts and information regarding this project were shared on social media and a Montgomery local newspaper.

Link Evelyn Hodge



