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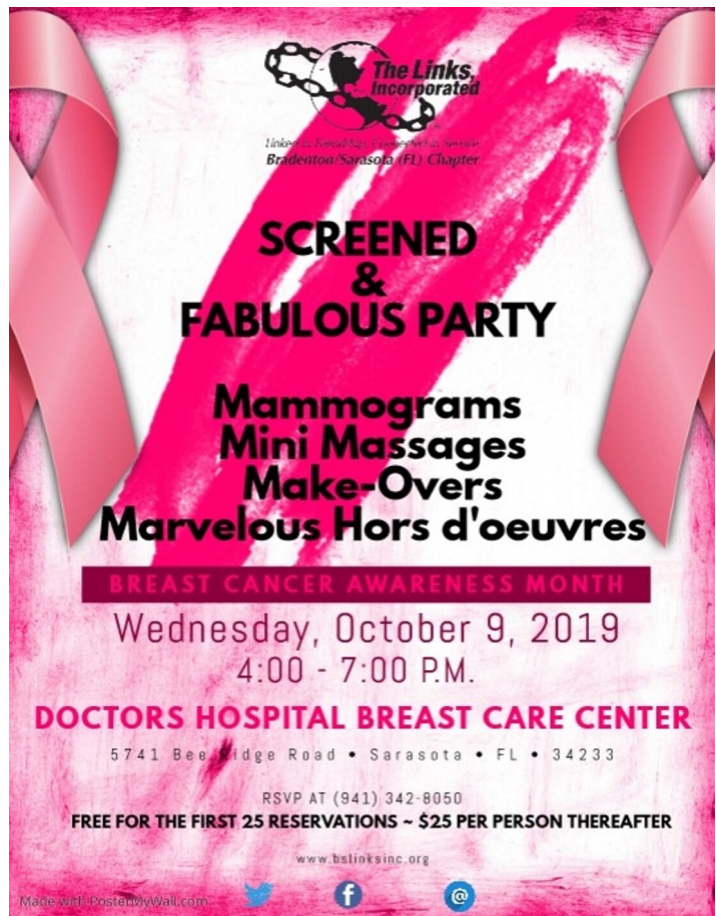
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Whenever I think about the work and spirit of our Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter, a smile emerges from the warmth of my heart. Our spirit of friendship is quite palpable. The chatter among us as we gather for meetings is remarkably warm and genuine. We are, indeed, a group of friends who do enjoy our time together! The work we have done over the last years and the work plan we have ahead of us, demonstrate our rich trove of talent, our willingness to serve and our commitment to the greater Bradenton and Sarasota communities.

There are moments that test ones commitment and strength in any organization. There are also moments when one or more of us faces individual challenges, known or not known to others. The women of the B/S Links pass each test and rise to surmount the challenges. We have supported each other in difficult times, learned from our missteps and rejoiced together in our triumphs. Our bench of leaders is deep. Our membership is growing in all of the best ways. I cannot think of anything that we cannot overcome. Our horizon is ours to imagine. Let's keeping the forward momentum, linked together in friendship.

Link Doris J.,
Your President

ALL STAR PROGRAM "LINKS IN PINK INITIATIVE" PART 1



PART 2

Males are not immune to breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, estimates for breast cancer in men in the United States for 2019 are about 2,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed, and about 500 men will die from breast cancer. Our Health and Human Services Facet will link up with several all male groups to raise awareness about breast cancer in men. Stay tuned for future electronic communications announcing details of this activity.



The Links, Incorporated Founders
Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott

SOUTHERN AREA INAUGURAL FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 8-10, 2019

The Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated will make history during its Inaugural Founders Day Celebration which will be hosted by our chapter along with our sister chapters from St. Petersburg and Tampa. "Hands on Sarasota: Links Embracing the Future" is our theme.

Get the party started by hosting our sisters in your 70s groovy fashions, shoes and jewelry on Thursday evening, the 8th. Rise early on Saturday, the 9th and prepare to participate in an organized walk across the Ringling Bridge.

Then join us at for our Community Day of Service activities for a presentation to our Charity of Choice, All Faiths Food Bank and facet activities. Our partnership with this donor driven agency will assist with "providing healthy solutions to ending hunger in our community." We will also show support to other like-minded non-profit community service organizations whom we plan to recognize.

Visit with out-of-town sisters, shop or rest up to attend "1946 The Stage Play" and celebrate the birth of our beloved organization at the Keating Theatre.

The weekend will culminate with a Sister Soul Sunday Gospel Brunch and a departing message from Dr. Patricia Russell McCloud and members of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe Key Chorale Chamber Singers.



OFF THE CHAIN

Have you checked out our brand new website? Don't miss out on chapter happenings... log on to www.bslinksinc.org today!



PROGRAMS

The Arts: Link Barbara Sturdivant, Chair

This facet's programming for 2019-20 will consist of participation in the National Poster Art Competition Initiative, "Transforming Communities by Making Health a Habit" and the Southern Area's Signature Initiative, Connecting Threads. The finished quilt project will be donated to the Bahamian Safe House.

Health & Human Services: Link LaVerne Green, Chair

Work toward Southern Area's Links in Pink Initiative is well underway. The "Screened & Fabulous Party" is being underwritten by Doctors Hospital and Alumni Link Lois Watson. This first of a three pronged activity will occur on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Sign up at www.acevents.org/goto/BradentonSarasota Links to participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Nathan Benderson Park on Saturday, November 19th.

International Trends & Services: Link Shirley Miller, Chair

Mark your calendars to attend "Policies' Impact on the Mental Health of Communities of Color" on Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:00 pm. Additional programming will include the National LIFE Program.

National Trends & Services: Link Lois Wilkins, Chair

AARP Are You Ready is the National Program that will be implemented this program year by this facet. Some members of the NTS Facet are also lending their services to other facet programming.

Services to Youth: Link Marilyn Thompson, Chair

National Initiatives that this facet will implement during 2019-20 are LINKS NSBE, Jr. at Booker Middle School for the second year, as well as t HBCU. This facet will also implement the Southern Area Initiative, Closing the Gap in Foster Care.



September

18 P. Brooks

October

10 L. Green 13 L. Wilkins 19 Y. Brown
26 G. Gibbs

November

06 F. Hollaway 19 C. Anderson 20 B. Belsito
27 A. Blackman

December

04 K. Chester 05 L. Thornton 17 M. Andrews
18 L. Ward 30 J. Taylor

January

19 K. Hill-Harvey 24 T. Williams 27 J. Woods

REMINDER: Please remember to wear "pink" during our October 5, 2019 Chapter Membership Meeting.



Also . . . Join our chapter's team as we "make strides against breast cancer" on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Nathan Benderson Park. Links Ann Brown (ann5808@hotmail.com) and Jacque Ray (drjacque@verizon.net) are our team coordinators and would love to add your name to the squad.

Want to register to walk and/or donate . . . go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/BradentonSarasotaLinks>



NOVEMBER WHEN & WHERE WE GATHER

We will strive to exemplify the first component of our SA theme, "Collective Excellence: Elevating our Friendship, Enriching our Service" during the month of November. The long awaited biographical film, "Harriet" will appear in local theaters beginning November 1. Expect to receive your personal invitation to view and discuss this historical experience with your chapter sisters as soon as more information becomes available.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

"Track-It-Forward" has been launched! This is an up-to-date, convenient, and user-friendly tracking system now being used to track your required 48 service hours. Report of bi-annual community service hours is due November 15, 2019. Contact Link LaVerne Green with questions or assistance.

Our chapter assessment has been completed. Its purpose was to assess the chapter's membership demographics, assist in future planning and recruitment to promote our mission and facilitate programming. As a result, this process has revealed it is in our best interest to recruit members who will be equipped to support our chapter in the areas of publicity, fund development and marketing.

Calls for Candidates Profiles are due December 30, 2019.

Continue to monitor electronic communications to get updates about developing All Star activities.

REMINDER!!!

September 26, 2019 - 5:00 PM

"Together Thursday"

The Venue

15 S. Boulevard of Presidents

Sarasota

ACCRUED ALL STARS
PROGRAM REWARD POINTS: