

## **Portland (OR) Chapter President Report**

### **January 8, 2022**

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#### **The SHAPE of Portland (OR) Chapter**

At our August workshop, we learned the Portland Chapter is SHAPED for care and connection. The impacts of COVID continue to strain our chapter in many ways, whether in our job as human service providers or to our families. The challenges are real. That is why as an Executive Committee, we are working to see how we can better support membership needs. Here are some of the things that we have instituted:

1. **Courtesy Ambassadors** - Our PODs are designed for care and connection. Members of the membership committee will serve as Courtesy Ambassadors for their PODs. If you have needs, you can reach out to them for support if there are health needs, prayer or any unexpected emergencies. They can coordinate any assistance needed from the chapter at large in addition to creating opportunities for virtual socialization and connection while we are still under restriction. We know this can be a powerful time after experiencing our November friendship get together planned by Link LaKecia, where we were introduced to our prospective Link members. This is the season we must cleave together in friendship, so we want to encourage you to please engage in virtual small groups to stay connected.
2. **Self-Care Discussion with Dr. Keith Dempsey** - The Executive Committee thought it would be a good idea to have someone come and talk with the chapter about the stressors of serving in these unprecedented times and strategies for self-care that allow us to still be there in friendship and service. Link Miaya will help to coordinate these efforts and we are hoping to fold into one of our pre-existing meetings or activities.

#### **Looking for Hours**

I am looking for some support to meet some of our National duties. ***Thank you to Link Rhonda for serving as our Alumna and Platinum Liaison.*** We also still need someone to serve as Ethics Chair. Additionally, the Executive Committee will work collaboratively to oversee Treasurer duties, once approved by the Western Area Treasurer and Area Director. If you need additional hours and are tech savvy, we are seeking support by issuing electronic vouchers for the Western Area Conference and filing in chronological order in a notebook. We are also seeking **TECH Buddies** to assist chapter members with any electronic tasks needed to meet requirements for our Chapter, Area, or National. Please contact me if you are able to help.

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### **CONDOLENCES**

It is with sadness that I share with you the news of the passing on Christmas Day of Mr. Bruce Davis. Mr. Davis was the father of Link Jennifer Davis of the Fresno (CA) Chapter and Heir-o-Links Bruce and Ian Davis. His unexpected passing is shattering news. As Link Lorna Hankins comforts her children (her heart beats), she share this news and requests for prayers for her family and in the days ahead.

### **ETHICS TRAINING**

I was able to reach our Western Area Ethics Chair. The new process for ethics training was not without its challenges for everyone. They were wanting to assess the full process for responding to chapters, but they will send out information about options for chapters during this month. We will not have any penalties for members that did not complete on time.

### **WESTERN AREA PRESIDENT'S MEETING**

The December meeting was cancelled due to competing meetings. We will resume this month.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MEETING**

We did not have a meeting for president's during the month of December. Instead, our National President took the time to engage in a holiday gathering to socially engage with Chapter presidents.

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS REMAIN**

National is diligently working on a phased approach with definitive guidelines as it pertains to meetings, community service, gatherings, and fundraisers to provide to you in early 2022. We will provide detailed guidance in January and will host a webinar for all members to go over this guidance in depth.