

Portland (OR) Chapter President Report March 11, 2023

LOCAL:

PPS Matthew Prophet Education Services Center

Saturday, March 11, Portland Public Schools will have their official dedication in honor of the renaming of their central office building. Dr. Matthew Prophet was our beloved Connecting Link. He was husband to our beloved Link Sister, Freddye Prophet. Links Harriette Adair and Linda Harris were instrumental in helping to achieve this momentous honor. Dr. Adair will be a featured speaker at the dedication.

Chapter Honors

Heir-O-Link Adrienne C. Nelson, daughter of our Link sister Jackie N. Brown has been confirmed as an associate justice on the Oregon Supreme Court, to serve as a federal judge. President Joe Biden nominated Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne C. Nelson to serve as a federal judge. This makes her the first Black woman to serve on Oregon's US District Court. She was given an award of honor at Maranatha Church services in recognition and celebration of Black History month.

Our Chapter Vice President, Link Karin is a finalist for the Greater Vancouver Chamber's 2023 Iris Awards! As a finalist, Link Karin has been recognized for her accomplishments among outstanding women from across the SW Washington region.

AREA:

Western Area Representation at National Foundation Giving

Link Susan Johnson has been newly appointed to serve as the Western Area representative on the Links Foundation, Incorporated. Western Area wants to encourage the chapter to donate to the Western Area Foundation. Go to the website to give.

46th Western Area Conference (May 31 - June 4, 2023)

Elections:

Western Area officer elections will happen at the Western Area Conference. Any nominations from the floor will require chapter endorsement, chapter President's approval, and fulfillment of any officer requirements stated in the latest Constitution and Bylaws. Refer to the Links, Incorporated website for this information.

White Glove Service Conference Updates: Theme - A Galaxy of Excellence Where Every Link is a Star

- Air Reservations - preferred travel agency is Almeda Travel, Houston owned by a Link member. Book as early as possible to get the best deals. More information to come.
- Contact Vendor Chair Link Terri Woods Campbell - tiakia70@gmail.com for any questions you may have. There will be no registration slots set aside for 1N5 requirements
- First Time STEM Day sponsored by Lenovo
- Scott Hawkins Institute Fellows Town Hall
- White Rose Banquet Theme - Black Vintage Hollywood Glamour. No requirement to wear white.
- Room Rates: King - \$257/night, Double \$269/night (JW Marriott) If you do not stay at designated hotel, costs will probably be \$400/night
- Trying to keep registration at \$700 below

NATIONAL:

National Updates

National is updating national documents. Please make sure that you are referring to the website for the latest information. Most recently, the National Protocol Committee and Rituals Committee have updated their manuals. Please archive earlier editions.

Links Day at the Capitol

Registration is now open. Cost is \$195. Links Day at the Capitol will take place March 29-31, 2023. We want as many members as possible.

<http://linksinc.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDk2MDUwMSZwPTEmdT0xMDEyMzY1OTA2JmxpPTEwMDI0NjgzNw/index.html>

International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2023, National sent a beautiful quote from Serena Williams that reminded me of the importance of togetherness. "Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We are strongest when we cheer each other on." As we bring new members into the chapter, I want to remind us of our commitment to re-strengthen our bonds of friendship. In our Newsletter, Link Natalie shared our geographic clusters. Let us please be intentional about reaching out to check in when it has nothing to do with Links business. Any member can pull together a POD activity and invite your sisters to come together around shared interests.